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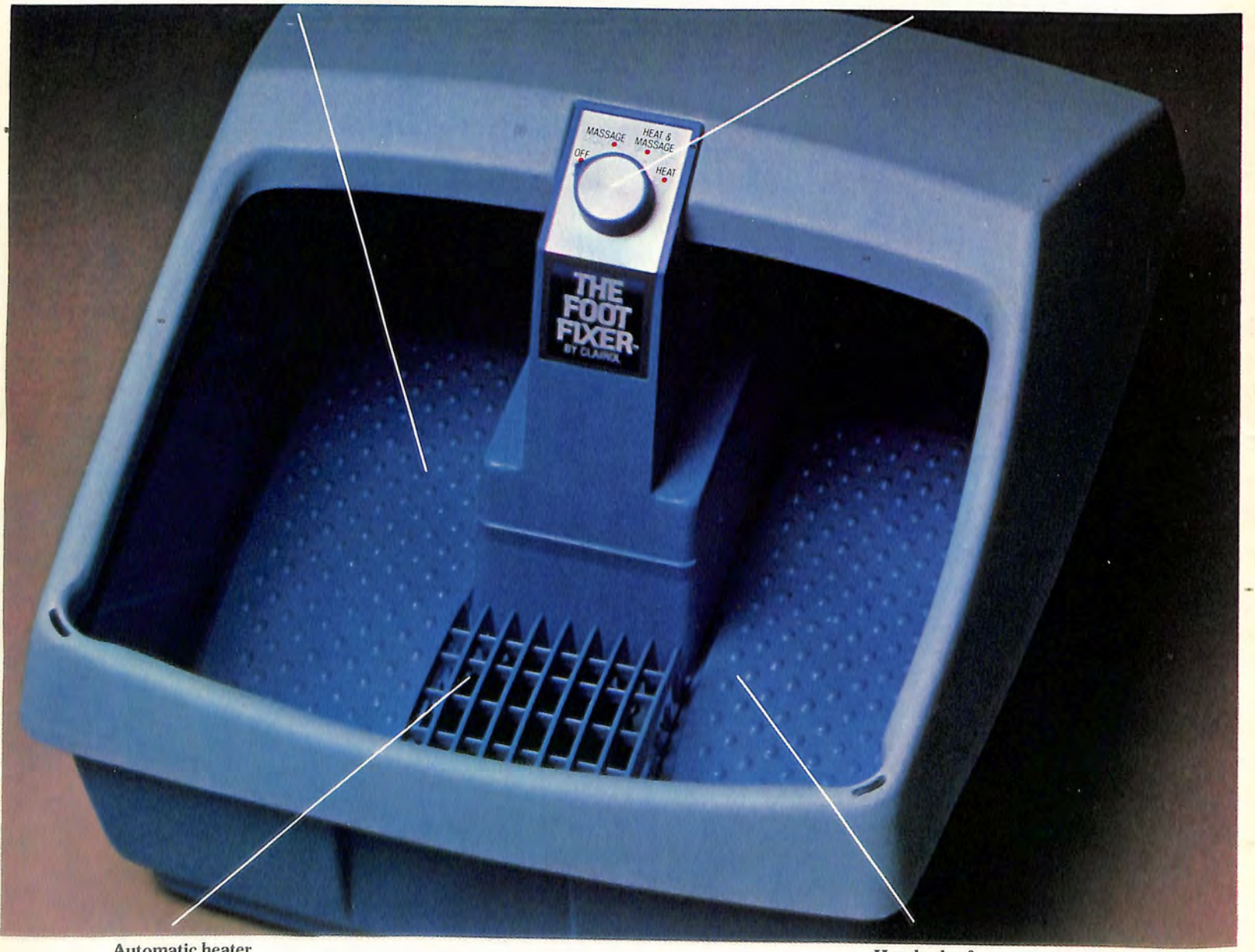

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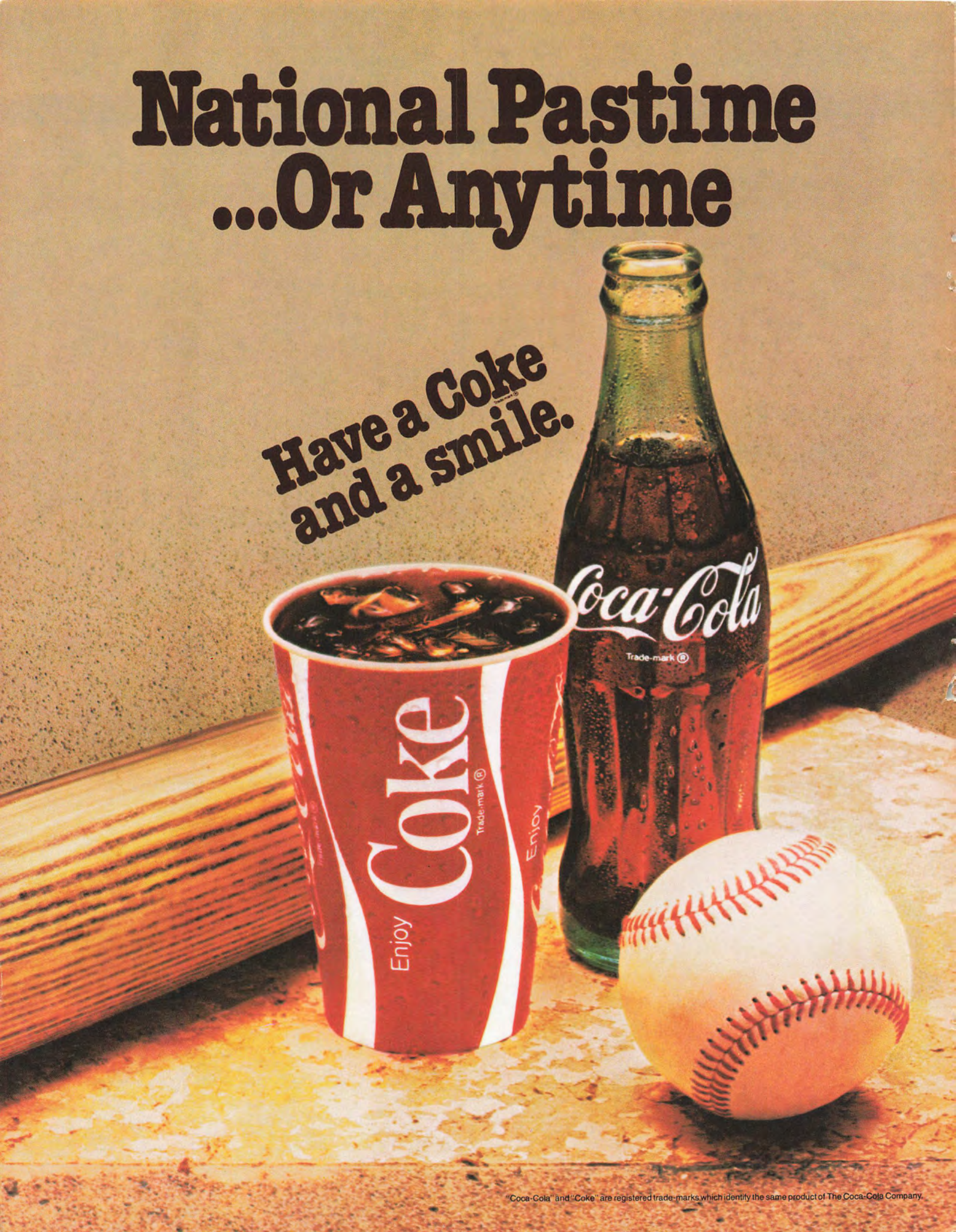

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Pitchers

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT.	WT.	BIRTHDATE/PLACE	RESIDENCE	1980 CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO
13	ALLEN, Neil	R-R	6-2	185	1-24-58, Kansas City, KS	Syosset, NY	METS	7-10	3.71	59	97	87	40	79
43	BERENGUER, Juan	R-R	5-11	186	11-30-54, Aguadulce, Panama	Woodcliff Lake, NJ	Tidewater	9-15	3.84	27	157	122	76	178
							METS	0-1	6.00	6	9	9	10	7
36	BOMBACK, Mark	R-R	5-11	170	4-14-53, Portsmouth, VA	Fall River, MA	METS	10-8	4.09	36	163	191	49	68
33	FALCONE, Pete	L-L	6-2	185	10-01-53, Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY	METS	7-10	4.53	37	157	163	58	109
48	GLYNN, Ed	R-L	6-2	180	6-03-53, Flushing, NY	Flushing, NY	METS	3-3	4.15	38	52	49	23	32
20	HARRIS, Greg	SW-R	6-0	165	11-02-55, Lynwood, CA	Los Alamitos, CA	Tidewater	2-9	2.70	39	110	99	40	92
32	HAUSMAN, Tom	R-R	6-5	200	3-31-53, Mobridge, SD	Las Vegas, NV	METS	6-5	3.98	55	122	125	26	53
21	HOLMAN, Scott	R-R	6-0	190	9-18-58, Santa Paula, CA	Camarillo, CA	Tidewater	3-3	4.88	11	48	54	18	16
							METS	0-0	1.29	4	7	6	1	3
25	JONES, Randy	R-L	6-0	180	1-12-50, Fullerton, CA	Poway, CA	San Diego	5-13	3.92	24	154	165	29	53
35	LYNCH, Ed	R-R	6-5	210	2-25-56, Brooklyn, NY	Miami, FL	Tidewater	13-6	3.15	24	163	151	42	91
							Mets	1-1	5.21	5	19	24	5	9
49	MILLER, Dyar	R-R	6-1	202	5-29-46, Batesville, IN	Greensburg, IN	Tidewater	4-2	4.67	29	52	66	23	35
							Mets	1-2	1.93	31	42	37	11	28
47	OROSCO, Jesse	R-L	6-2	174	4-21-57, Santa Barbara, CA	Lompoc, CA	Jackson	4-4	3.68	37	71	52	62	85
44	REARDON, Jeff	R-R	6-1	190	10-01-55, Pittsfield, MA	Cotuit, MA	METS	8-7	2.62	61	110	96	47	101
34	ROBERTS, Dave	L-L	6-3	192	9-11-44, Gallipolis, OH	Houston, TX	Pittsburgh	0-1	4.50	2	2	2	1	1
							Seattle	2-3	4.39	37	80	86	27	47
30	SCOTT, Mike	R-R	6-3	215	4-26-55, Santa Monica, CA	Hawthorne, CA	Tidewater	13-7	2.96	27	170	165	64	88
							Mets	1-1	4.34	6	29	40	8	13
31	SMITH, Billy	R-R	6-7	225	9-13-54, LaMarque, TX	Ormond Beach, FL	Tucson	12-4	3.71	28	143	169	41	47
27	SWAN, Craig	R-R	6-3	215	11-30-50, Van Nuys, CA	Greenwich, CT	METS	5-9	3.59	21	128	117	30	79
39	THURBERG, Tom	R-R	6-1	190	10-16-57, Weymouth, MA	S. Weymouth, MA	Jackson	7-2	2.74	31	92	64	59	84
46	VON OHLEN, Dave	L-L	6-2	200	10-25-58, Flushing, NY	College Point, NY	Tidewater	5-4	3.21	45	87	88	27	44
40	ZACHRY, Pat	R-R	6-5	175	4-24-52, Richmond, TX	Waco, TX	METS	6-10	3.00	28	165	145	58	88

Catchers

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT	WT.	BIRTHDATE/PLACE	RESIDENCE	1980 CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
19	BENTON, Butch	R-R	6-1	193	8-24-57, Tampa, FL	St. Petersburg, FL	Tidewater	.263	67	240	63	5	34	3
							METS	.048	12	21	1	0	0	0
42	HODGES, Ron	L-R	6-1	185	6-22-49, Franklin Co., VA	Rocky Mt., VA	METS	.238	36	42	10	0	5	1
12	STEARNS, John	R-R	6-0	185	8-21-51, Denver, CO	Boulder, CO	METS	.285	91	319	91	0	45	7
29	TREVINO, Alex	R-R	5-10	165	8-26-57, Monterrey, MX	Monterrey, MX	METS	.256	106	355	91	0	37	0

Infielders

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT.	WT.	BIRTHDATE/PLACE	RESIDENCE	1980 CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
6	BACKMAN, Wally	SW-R	5-9	160	9-22-59, Hillsboro, OR	Beaverton, OR	Tidewater	.293	125	400	117	1	51	11
							METS	.323	27	93	30	0	9	2
7	BROOKS, Hubie	R-R	6-0	178	9-24-56, Los Angeles, CA	Compton, CA	Tidewater	.297	113	417	124	3	50	14
							METS	.309	24	81	25	1	10	1
3	CUBBAGE, Mike	L-R	6-0	180	7-21-50, Charlottesville, VA	Charlottesville, VA	Minnesota	.246	103	285	70	8	42	0
23	FLYNN, Doug	R-R	5-11	160	4-18-51, Lexington, KY	Lexington, KY	METS	.255	128	443	113	0	24	2
17	GILES, Brian	R-R	6-1	165	4-27-60, Manhattan KS	San Diego, CA	Jackson	.286	132	448	128	10	57	9
22	JORGENSEN, Mike	L-L	6-0	192	8-16-48, Passaic, NJ	Arlington, TX	METS	.255	119	321	82	7	43	0
10	STAUB, Rusty	L-R	6-2	215	4-1-44, New Orleans, LA	New York, NY	Texas	.300	109	340	102	9	55	1
11	TAVERAS, Frank	R-R	6-0	170	12-24-50, Villa Vasquez, DR	Santiago, DR	METS	.279	141	562	157	0	25	32

Outfielders

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT.	WT.	BIRTHDATE/PLACE	RESIDENCE	1980 CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
4	BAILOR, Bob	R-R	5-10	160	7-10-51, Connellsville, PA	Connellsville, PA	Toronto	.236	117	347	82	1	16	12
28	BELTRE, Sergio	R-R	6-2	175	10-22-57, Azua, DR	Azua, DR	Jackson	.311	45	148	46	3	19	5
15	HOWARD, Mike	SW-R	6-2	185	4-02-58, Seattle, WA	Sacramento, CA	Jackson	.291	135	508	148	9	56	24
26	KINGMAN, Dave.....	R-R	6-6	210	12-21-48, Pendleton, OR	San Diego, CA	Chicago (NL)	.278	81	255	71	18	57	2
16	MAZZILLI, Lee	SW-R	6-1	180	3-25-55, New York, NY	Greenwich, CT	METS	.280	152	578	162	16	76	41
1	WILSON, Mookie	SW-R	5-10	170	2-9-56, Bamberg, SC	Ehrhardt, SC	Tidewater	.295	132	515	152	4	44	50
							METS	.248	27	105	26	0	4	7
18	YOUNGBLOOD, Joel	R-R	5-11	175	8-28-51, Houston, TX	Greenwich, CT	METS	.276	146	514	142	8	69	14

MANAGER: Joe Torre (9)COACHES: Chuck Cottier (53); Joe Pignatano (52); Bob Gibson (45) Deron Johnson (51); Rube Walker (54). TEAM PHYSICIAN: Dr. James Parkes. TRAINER: Larry Mayol. EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Herb Norman ASS. TRAINER: Paul Wiener CLUBHOUSE: Tony Carullo, Charles Samuels HEAD GROUNDSKEEPER: Pete Flynn

Ownership

Pictured: President Fred Wilpon and Chairman of the Board Nelson Doubleday.

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J. Frank Cashen — General Manager

J. Frank Cashen is beginning his second year as the Mets Executive Vice President and General Manager. Before coming to New York, Frank was the guiding force behind the Baltimore Orioles when they won six championships from 1966 to 1975. Baltimore captured World Series titles in 1966 and 1970. In November, 1975, Cashen resigned from the Orioles to become the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales for Carling National Breweries Inc. He remained with Carling for three years before joining Bowie Kuhn's office as Administrator of Baseball in January, 1979.

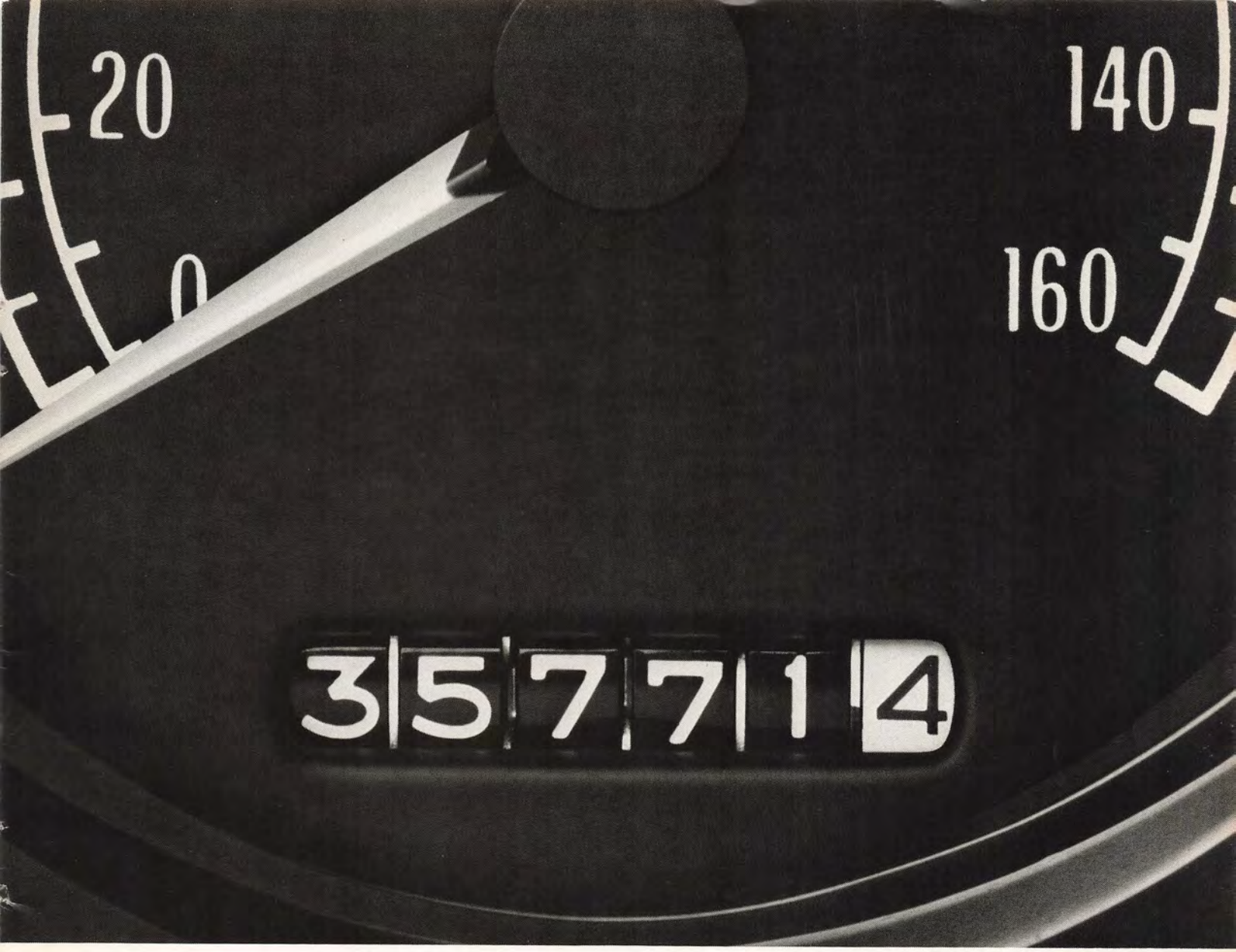
Joe Torre

Manager

Joe Torre was named the Mets manager on May 31, 1977. The Brooklyn, NY native hit a solid .297 during his illustrious 18-year major league career and was selected to the National League All-Star team nine different times at three different positions, catcher, first and third base, In 1971, with the St. Louis Cardinals, Joe enjoyed his finest pro campaign when he won the League's Most Valuable Player Award with a lofty .363 average and led the NL in RBI (137), hits (230) and total bases (352).

Coaches

Bottom Row, left to right: Chuck Cottier, Joe Pignatano
Back Row, left to right: Rube Walker, Bob Gibson, Deron Johnson.



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In 1980, Shea Stadium Became a Fun Place Again

Perhaps, it was the two-day stretch last June at Shea Stadium which best symbolized the rebirth of the New York Mets' franchise.

Both games were against the San Francisco Giants, with one ending in dramatic victory and the other winding up in defeat. More important than any statistic, however, it was a weekend which provided hope for the future for the ardent Mets' fans who were in the stands, who watched on television, or who listened on the radio.

Shea Stadium had become a fun place to be again in 1980. The crowds came back and the people were treated to some of the most exciting baseball in either League.

The June 14th night game against the Giants was a perfect example of the never-say-die attitude displayed by Manager Joe Torre's club.

The Mets came from a 6-0 eighth-inning deficit and trailed, 6-4, with two outs and two on in the ninth when Steve Henderson drilled an Allen Ripley fastball over the rightfield fence for a sensational, 7-6 come-from-behind triumph.

The fans became believers. The next afternoon a full house of 44,910 (5,949 upper deck seats were still being installed) jammed Shea to see the Giants win, 3-0. Despite the defeat, it was the Mets first sellout in more than two years.

"It was a day I'll never forget," recalled Torre. "We were handing out jackets but the people weren't there for jackets, they were there to see us.

"I think we proved something last year," the manager continued. "We showed we were a young team on the right track. We made some progress in 1980 and there isn't any doubt in my mind we'll continue to get better in 1981."

For three months in 1980, the Mets played some of the best baseball in the National League. Torre's crew compiled a 47-39 record during that stretch and as late as August 13, the Mets were, 56-57, and still in the thick of the pennant race.

"We played too well too long for it to be called a fluke."

Then the injuries began to take their toll. Doug Flynn went down with a broken wrist. Craig Swan was out with a sore arm. John Stearns was on the bench with his fractured finger all in addition to Ron Hodges, who had been sidelined after July 4 with a separated shoulder and Pat Zachry who missed the first month of the schedule with an elbow problem.

"Without alibiing, we just didn't have the overall depth to compensate for the loss of our key people," said Torre. "We weren't that deep and and it showed the final six weeks.

"Sure, we didn't finish as high as I would have liked in the standings, but the last month can't negate what we did. We played too well too long for it to be called a fluke. This summer we just plan to be consistent the entire season."

Despite their slump at the end, the Mets moved up in the standings for the first time since 1976. Attendance jumped close to 1,200,000, an increase of 400,000.

J. Frank Cashen, the Mets Executive Vice President and General Manager, expects his team to make even more gains both on and off the field in 1981.

"What attracted me to this job," explained Cashen now in his second year with the Mets, "is the quality of the ownership and the challenge of the city. We have a chance to turn something around in the biggest city in the world.

"We made some positive strides last year, but I won't be satisfied until we win the pennant. When I took the job here, I said that was my goal, and I stand by that pledge."

"...I won't be satisfied until we win the pennant."

Cashen knew nothing but success during his 10-year tenure as the Baltimore Orioles Executive Vice President from 1965-75. His Orioles won four American League pennants and two World Series titles.

The only real calamity during those glorious years for Baltimore came in 1969 when the Orioles, who featured players like Frank Robinson, Brooks Robinson and Jim Palmer, were shocked by the Miracle Mets and lost the Series in five games.

"The Mets presented me with my worst hour in baseball," Frank recalled. "I brought what I thought was one heck of a ball club into Shea Stadium in 1969 and they beat us.

"I grew to respect their team, but I also grew to admire their fans. Shea was like a big carnival then. New York City was in love with the Mets. Hopefully in the not too distant future, we will be able to give the City another World Series. Only this time, I'll be on the right side."

The Mets made some constructive trades and transactions during the off-season which should make them a more solid ball club in 1981.

Rusty Staub has returned home and his big bat will be a welcome addition in the lineup. Randy Jones, the 1976 Cy Young winner, was acquired from the San Diego Padres and he will bolster the pitching staff.

Billy Smith, a 6-7" rookie righthander, was drafted from the Houston Astros and he appears to possess the abilities to win in the majors. Also versitile infielder Mike Cubbage and Bob Bailor will provide valuable depth and experience.

"We have a built-in-dividend right away," said Torre. "All of our injured people should be healthy again and that means so much to us. We should be at full strength to start the year."

"We feel New York deserves the greatest team in the world..."

And then there are the youngsters like Mookie Wilson, Hubie Brooks, Wally Backman, Mike Scott and Ed Lynch, who all impressed Cashen and Torre upon their recall from Tidewater last September.

"A top-notch farm system is one of the major prerequisites for any successful orgainization," said Cashen. "I feel we have a host of young people who are going to be heard from on the big league level quite soon..."

The blue print for victory has been set down. As Chairman of the Board Nelson Doubleday said the afternoon Doubleday and Company bought the Mets on January 24, 1980:

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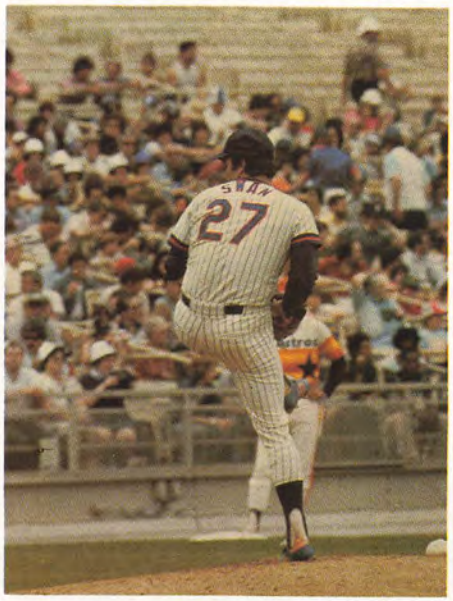
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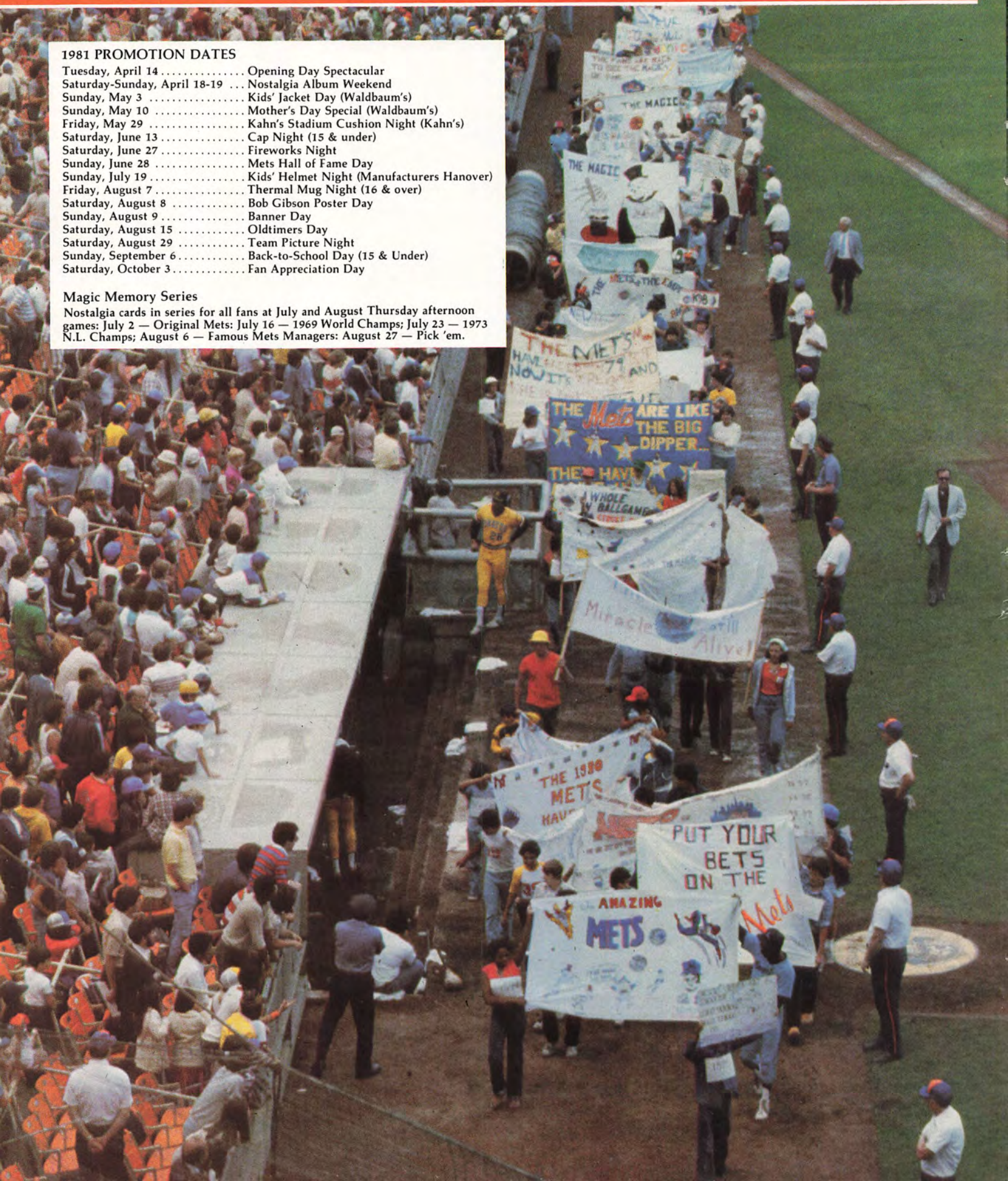

1981 PROMOTION DATES

Tuesday, April 14	Opening Day Spectacular
Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19	Nostalgia Album Weekend
Sunday, May 3	Kids' Jacket Day (Waldbaum's)
Sunday, May 10	Mother's Day Special (Waldbaum's)
Friday, May 29	Kahn's Stadium Cushion Night (Kahn's)
Saturday, June 13	Cap Night (15 & under)
Saturday, June 27	Fireworks Night
Sunday, June 28	Mets Hall of Fame Day
Sunday, July 19	Kids' Helmet Night (Manufacturers Hanover)
Friday, August 7	Thermal Mug Night (16 & over)
Saturday, August 8	Bob Gibson Poster Day
Sunday, August 9	Banner Day
Saturday, August 15	Oldtimers Day
Saturday, August 29	Team Picture Night
Sunday, September 6	Back-to-School Day (15 & Under)
Saturday, October 3	Fan Appreciation Day

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Old Timers Day

One of the most poignant afternoons each season at Shea Stadium is the Annual Old Timers Day festivities which will be staged this summer on Saturday, August 15.

In years gone by Hall of Famers by the dozens have walked onto the field at Shea Stadium to help stir fond memories for fans young and old alike.

In 1980, the Mets honored the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees who battled in the World Series. The Dodgers, behind the pitching of Johnny Podres and the clutch fielding of Sandy Amoros, won the first World Championship in the club's history.

This year's Old Timers Day should be just as enjoyable as past years. Before the three-inning game there will be Old Timers batting practice. After the game, the Mets will battle the World Champion Philadelphia Phillies with plenty of excitement and memories for everyone.

Old Timers Day 1981
August 15

Ralph Kiner and Willie Mays.

Yankee greats — the late Elston Howard and Roger Maris.

Bill Skowron and Hank Bauer

Monte Irvin and Mets' President Fred Wilpon with Roy Campanella.

(L to R): Karl Spooner, Rube Walker and Robin Roberts.

Don Larsen and Carl Erskine.

Pee Wee Reese and Whitey Ford.

The 'Duke of Flatbush', 1980 Hall of Fame inducteee, gets royal welcome.

Frank Thomas (L) with Tommy Holmes.

Bill Shea, the man responsible for bringing National League baseball back to New York, with Ralph Kiner.

Walter Alston (L) and Danny Ozark (R) meet with Sal 'The Barber' Maglie.

Brooklyn Dodger great Carl Erskine acknowledges cheers of crowd.

'The Captain' Pee Wee Reese is introduced during festivities.

This quartet hit 1,711 home runs between them — (L to R) Roger Maris, Duke Snider, Willie Mays and Ralph Kiner.

The Mets In Spring Training

Craig Swan

Deron Johnson, Bob Gibson and Joe Torre

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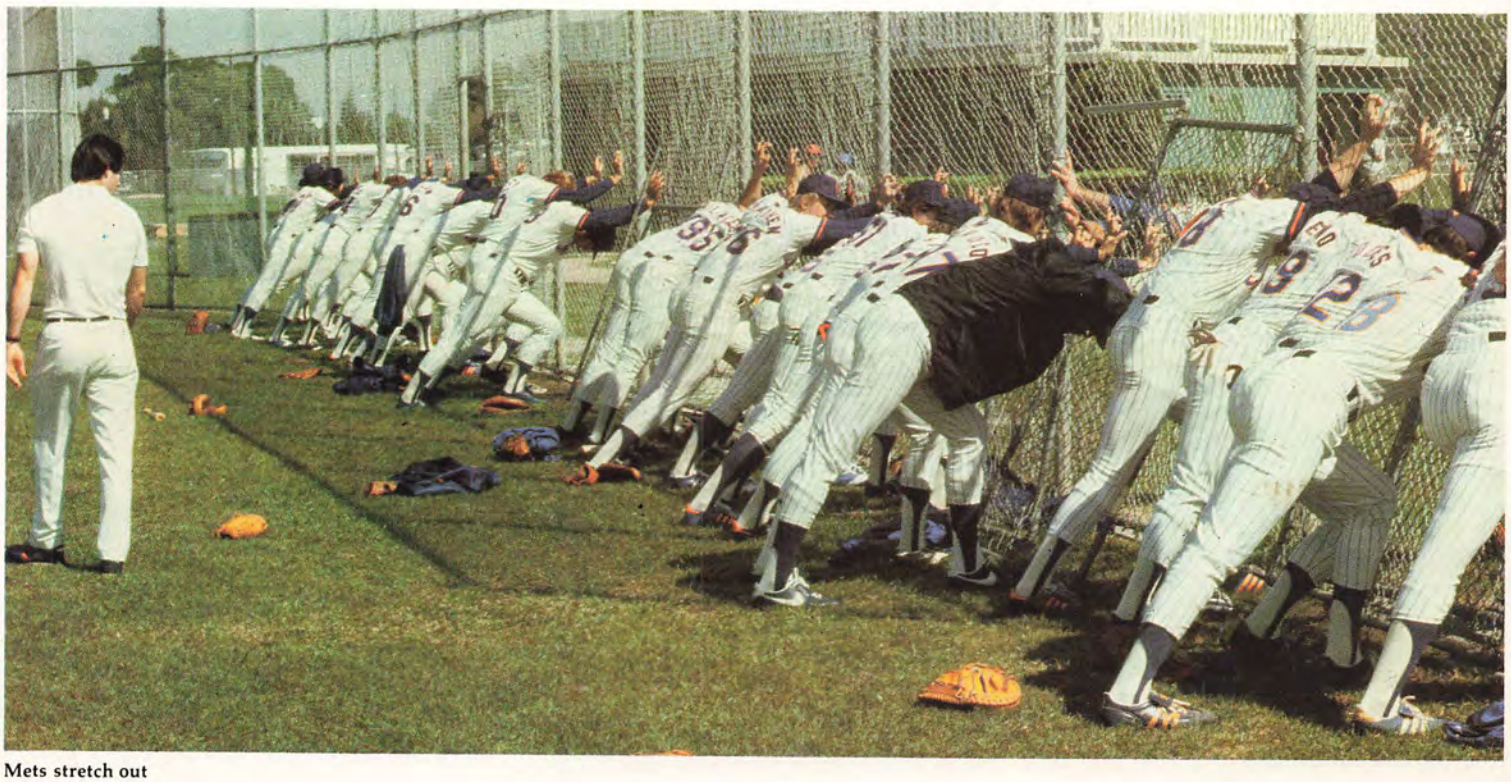

Mets stretch out

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Mets pitchers in bunting drill

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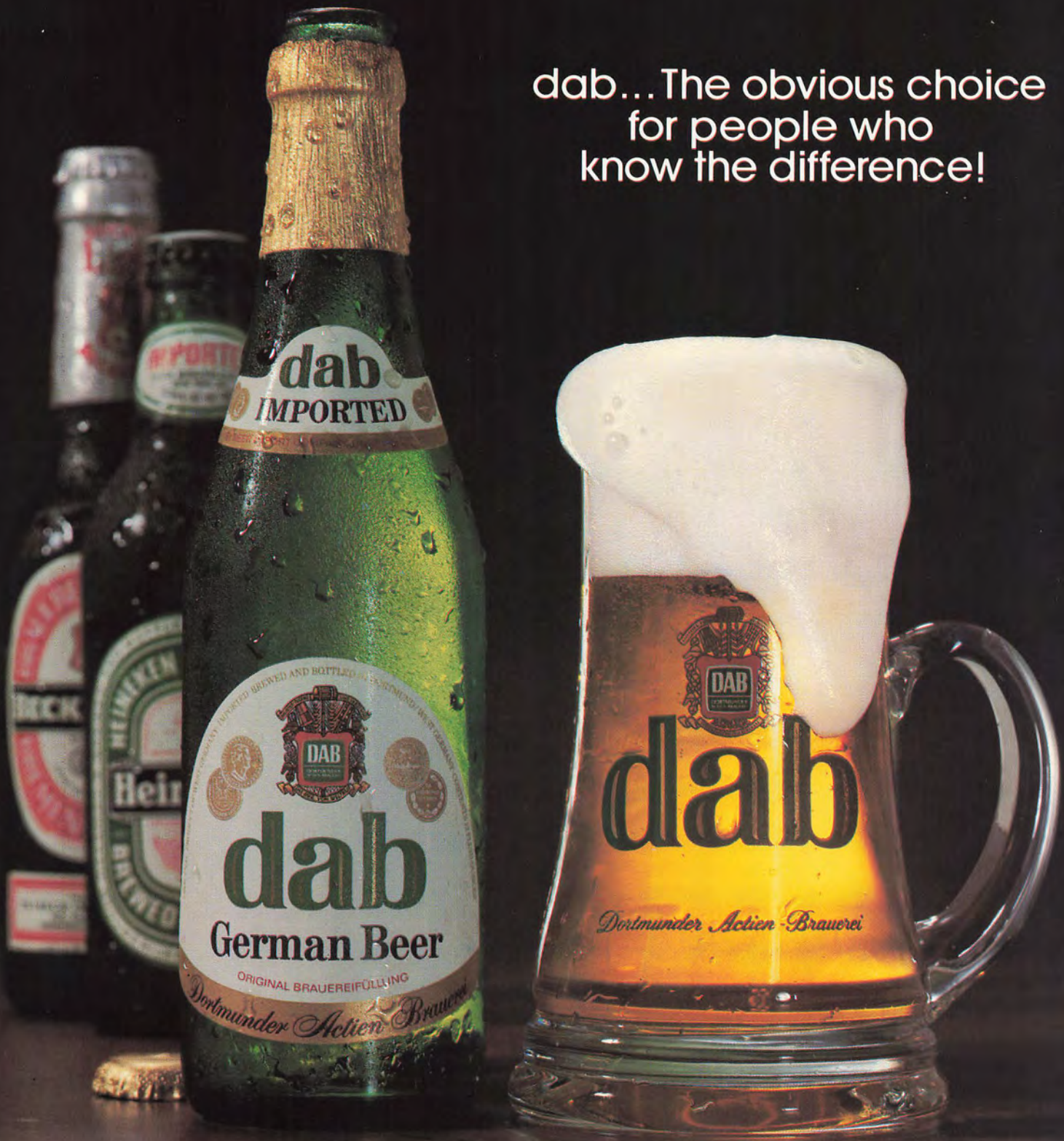

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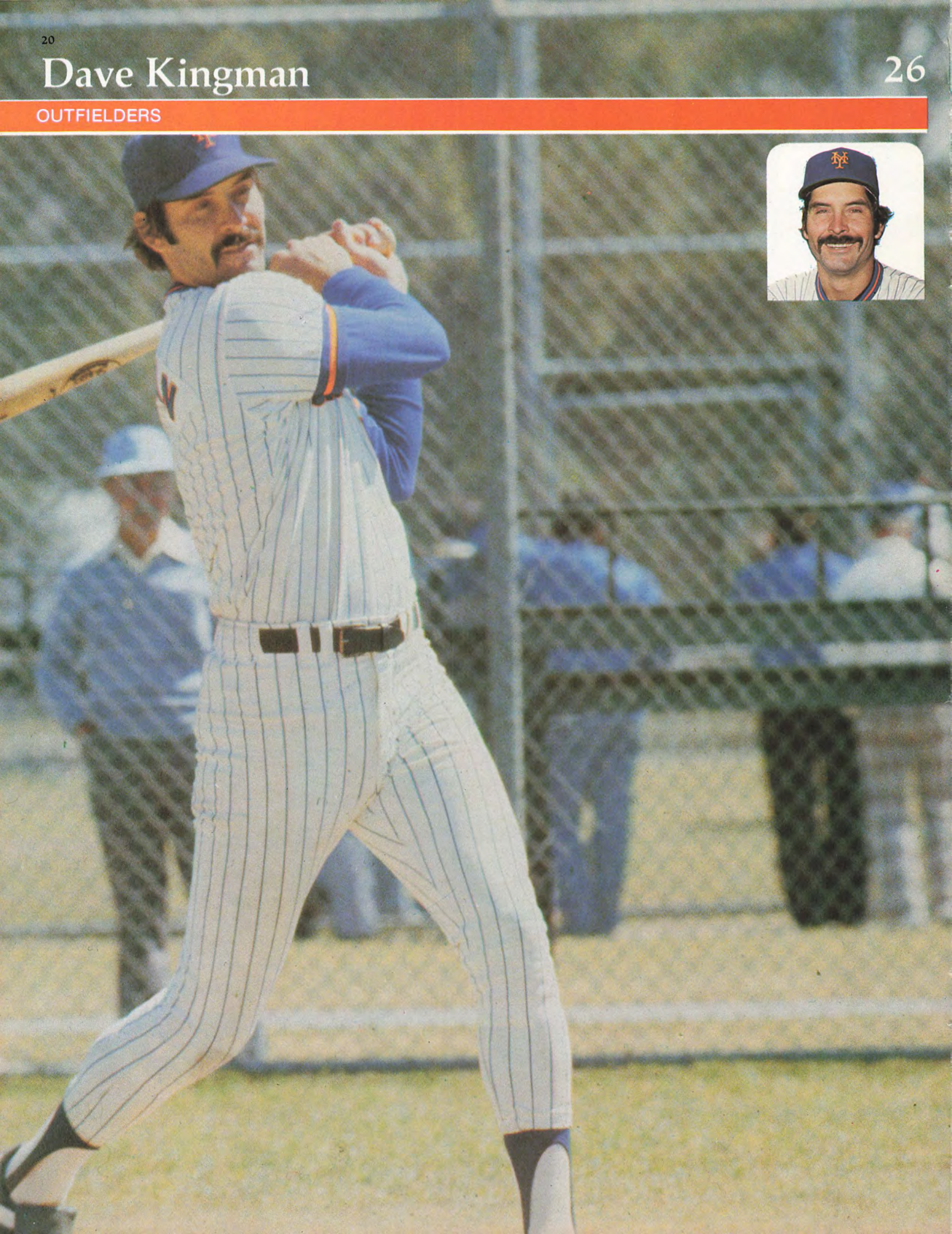

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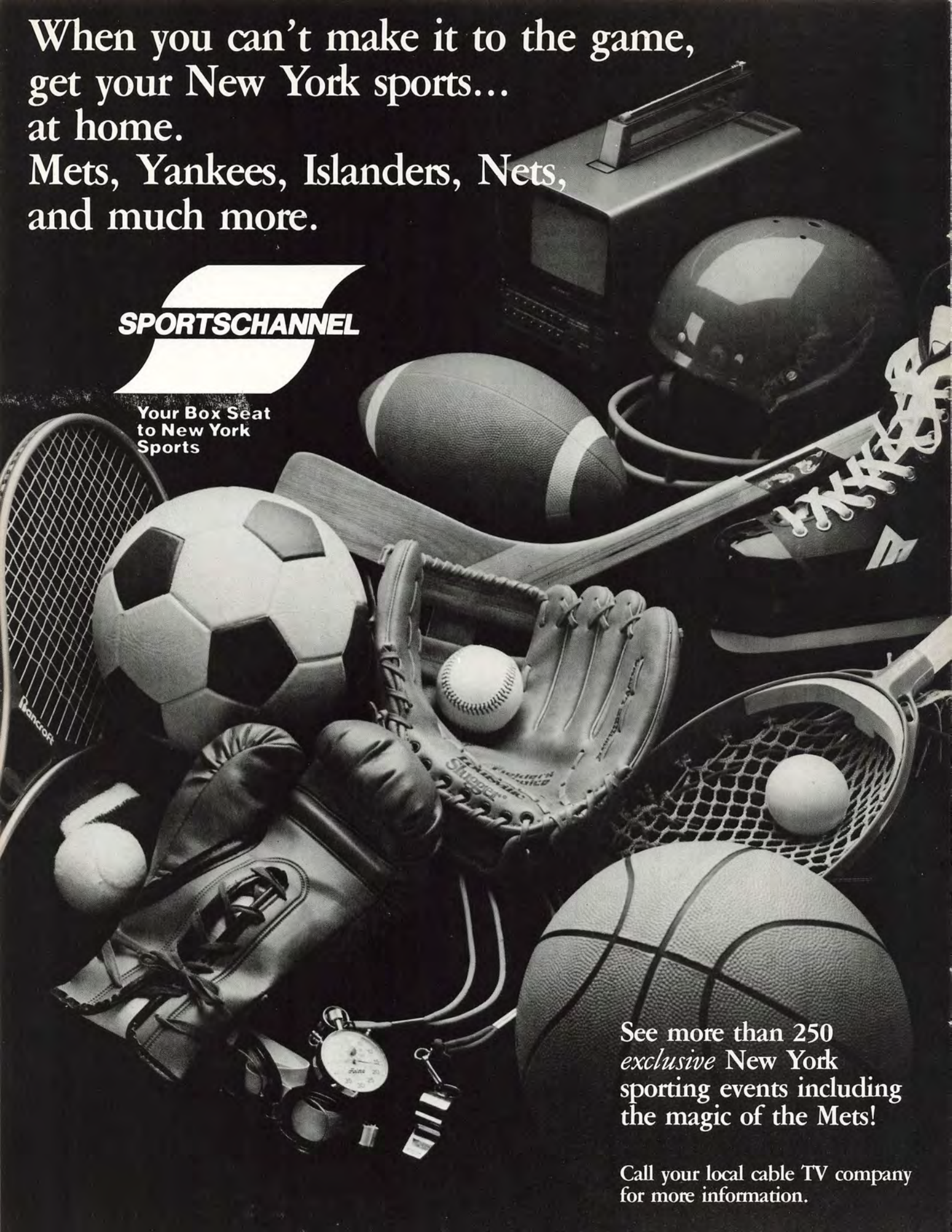
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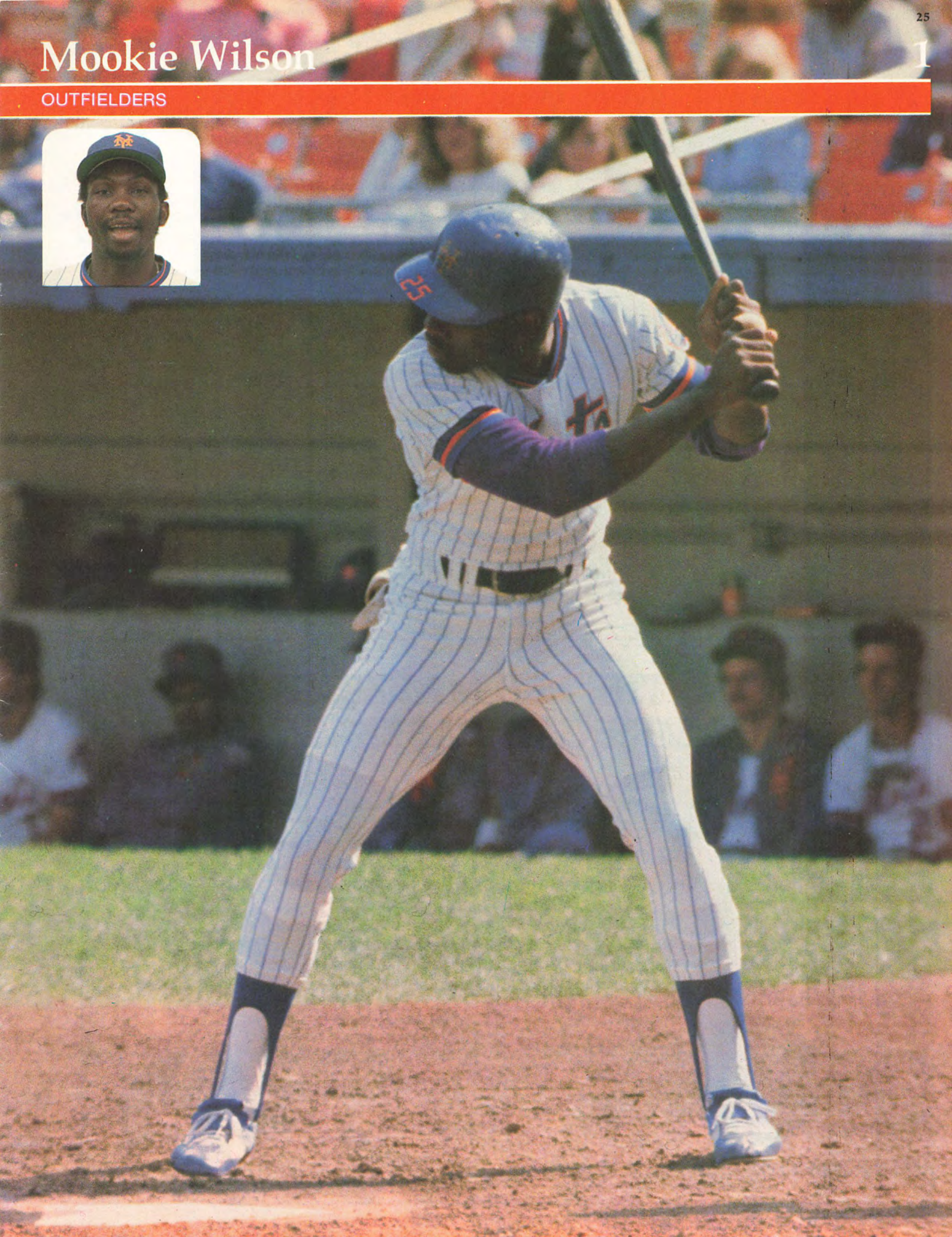

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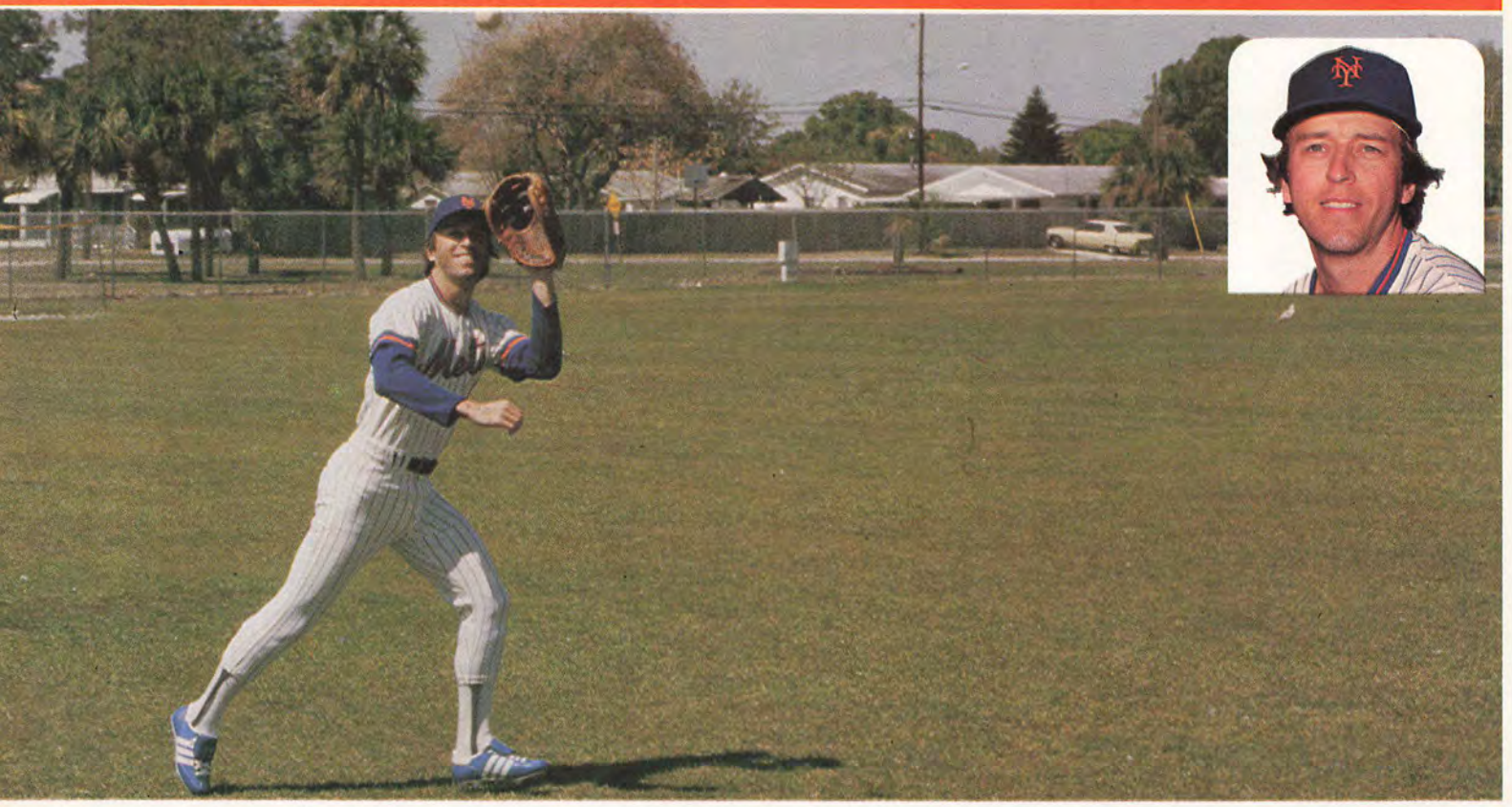

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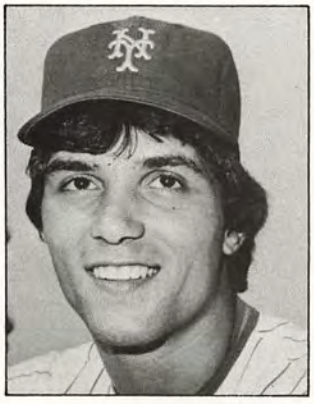

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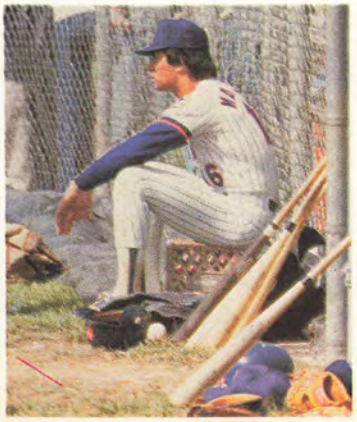
Mets 1981 Album

Left photo: General Manager Frank Cashen and Joe Torre discuss plans for 1981 during break in spring training workout.

Right photo: Mets brass goes "country" as Doug Flynn inks new contract at popular midtown cabaret with Greg Austin Band in background. Front row (Left to Right): Fred Wilpon, Joe Torre, Frank Cashen, Doug Flynn.

Bob Gibson, the newest member of the Hall of Fame: as a Mets coach today (left) and warming up for Cards in 1974 under the watchful eyes of future boss — Joe Torre (right).

Beard enthusiasts were represented well in spring training by: (Left to Right) Pat Zachry, Dave Roberts, Pete Falcone, Frank Taveras and Wally Backman.



Left photo: Joe Torre talks things over with special instructor John Antonelli before morning practice.

Right photo: Lee Mazzilli awaits turn at bat during spring intrasquad game.

Doug Flynn

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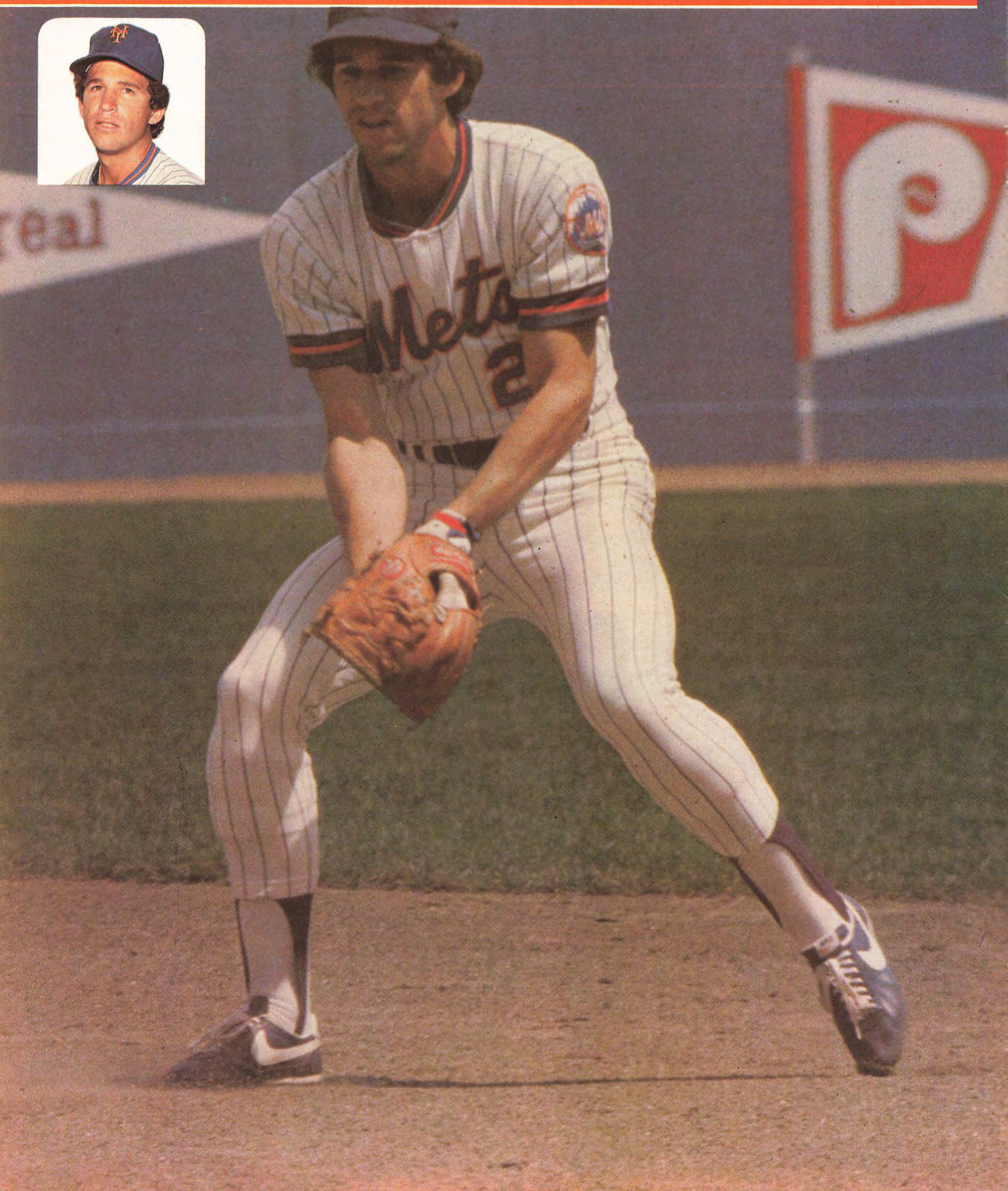

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Frank Taveras

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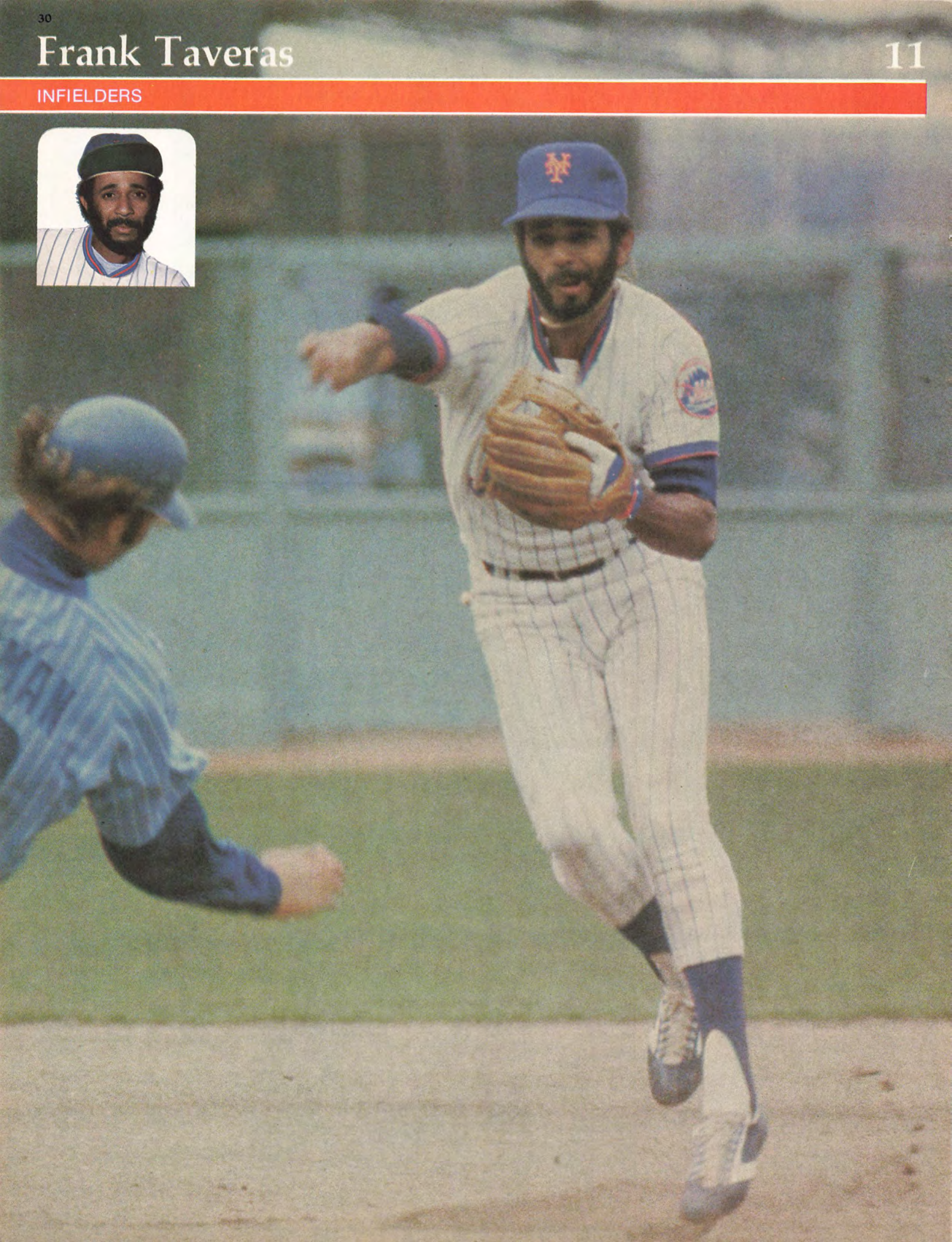

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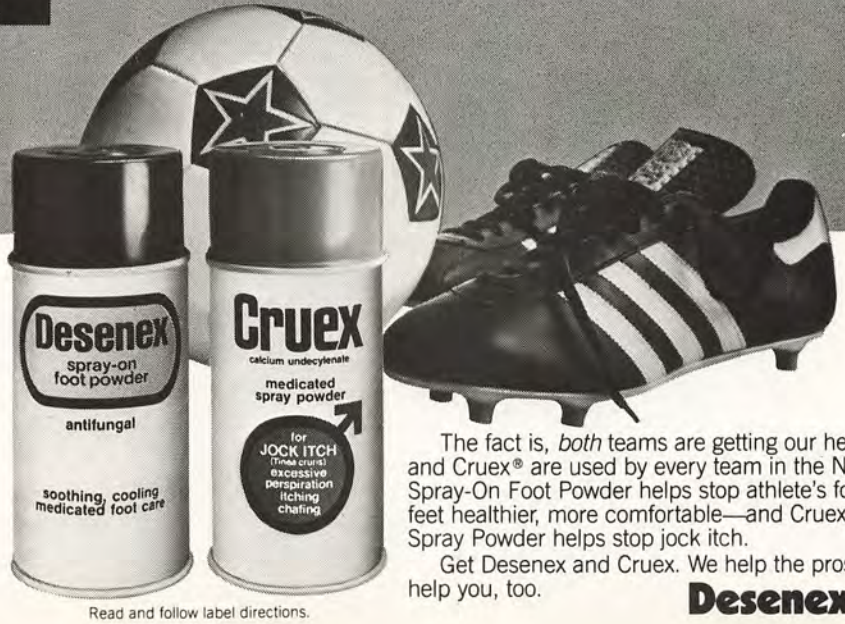

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SECOND ROW: Bob Bailor, Craig Swan, Joel Youngblood, Rusty Staub, Doug Flynn, Manager Joe Torre, Lee Mazzilli, John Stearns, Mookie Wilson, Mike Jorgensen, Jeff Reardon, Mike Cubbage.

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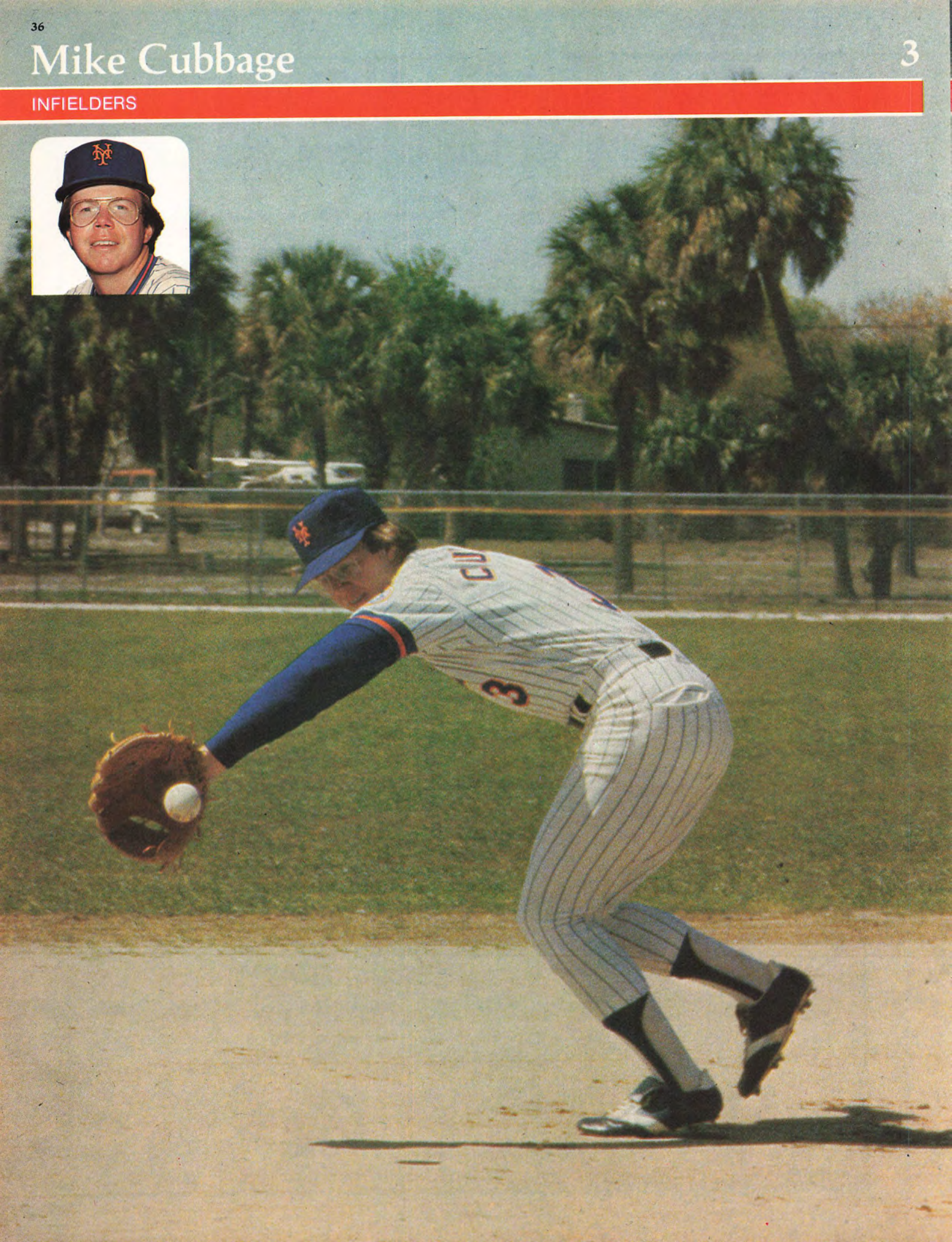

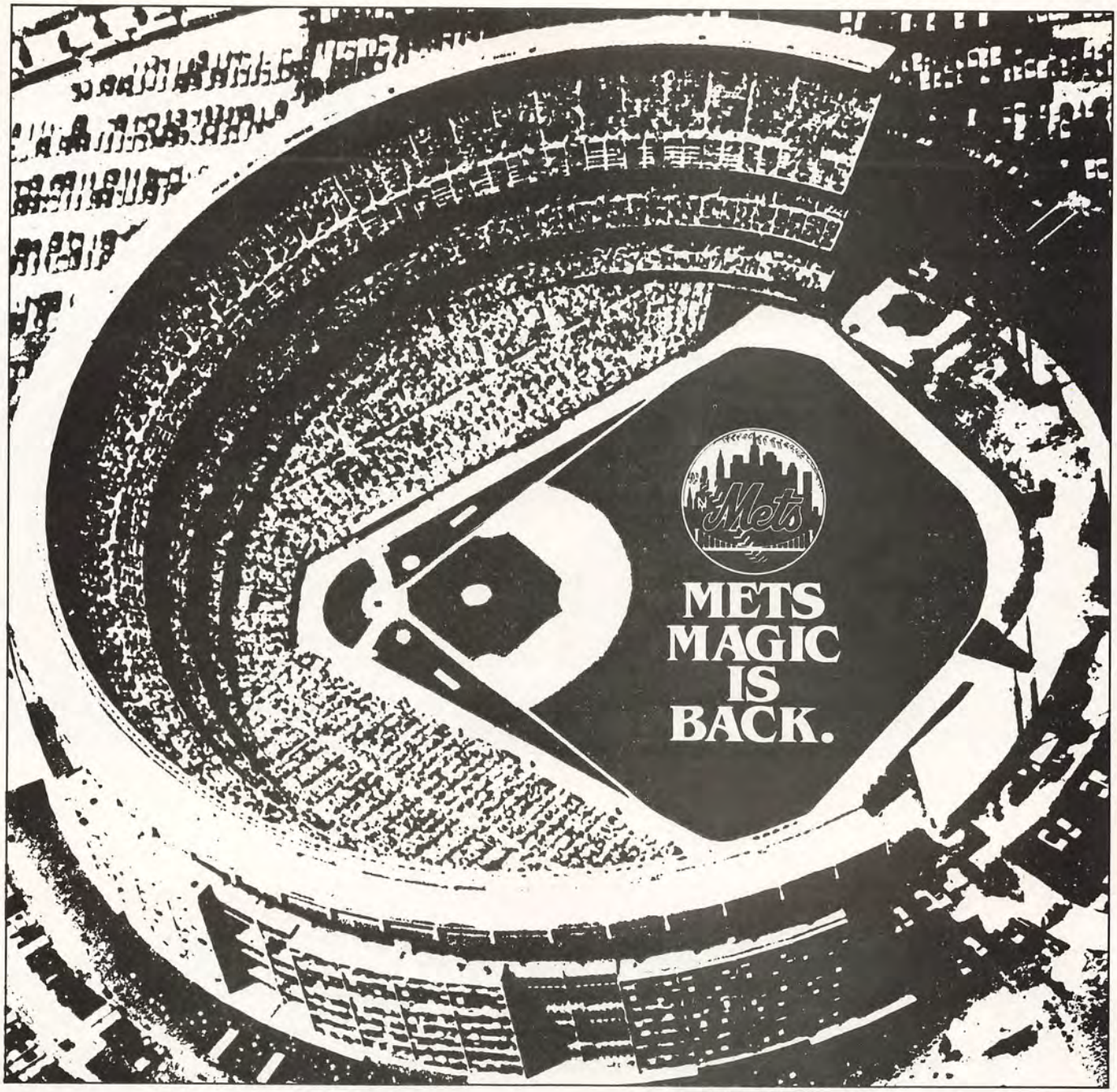

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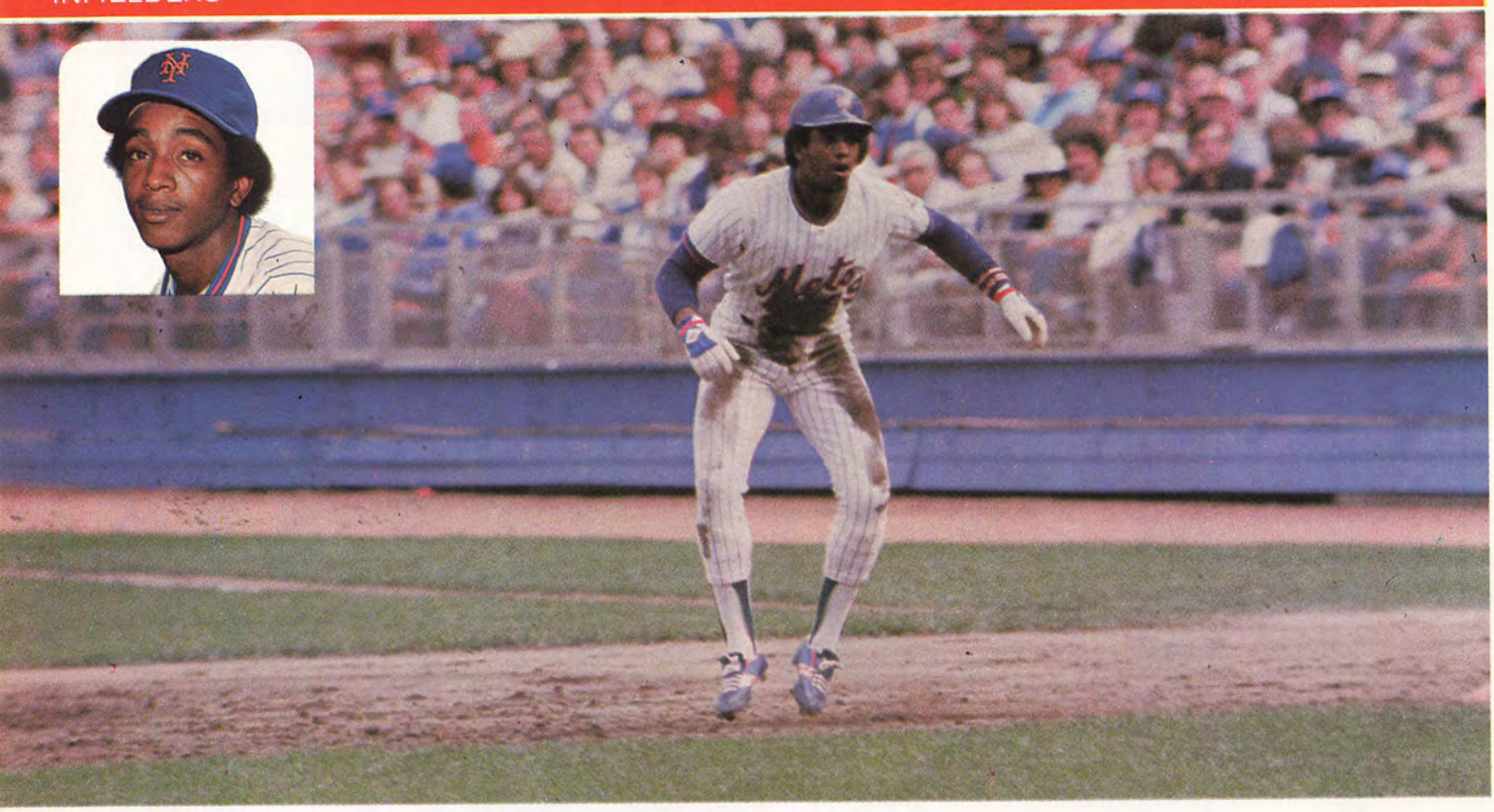

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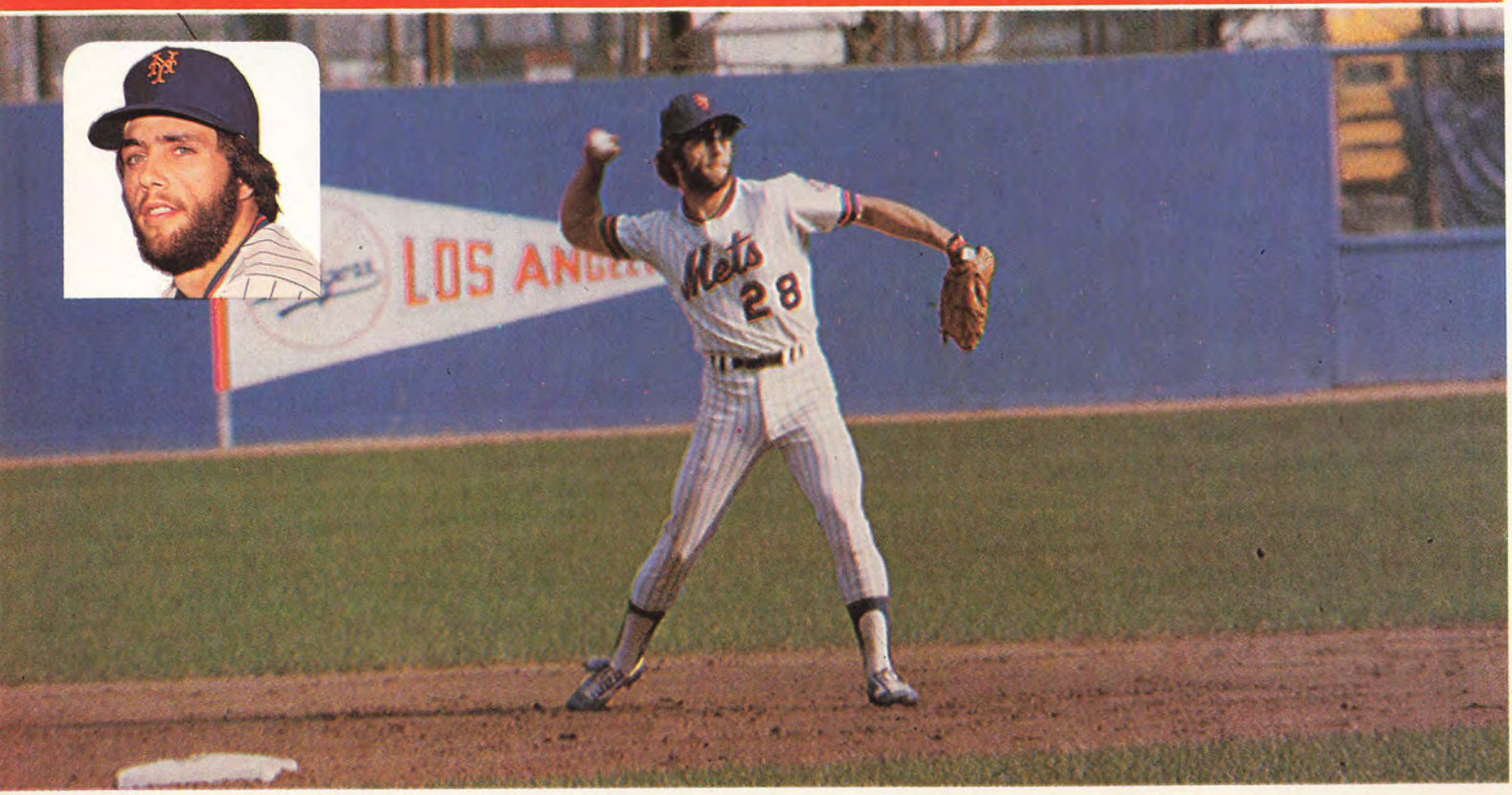

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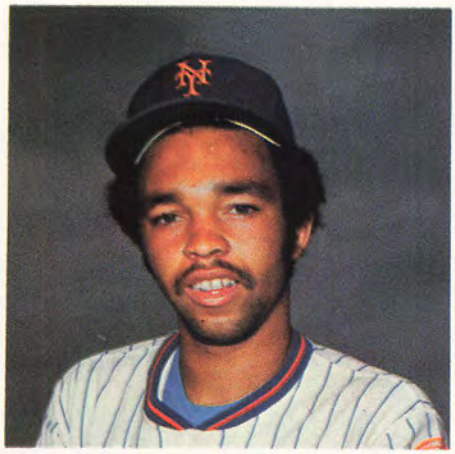

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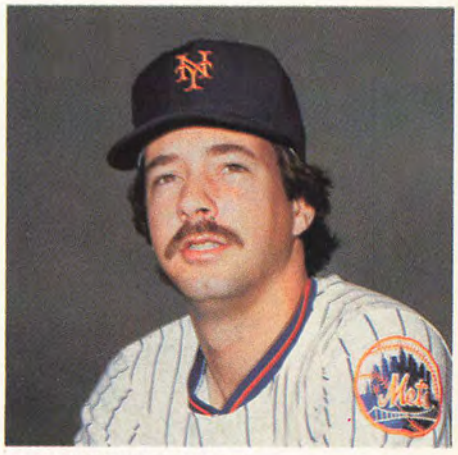

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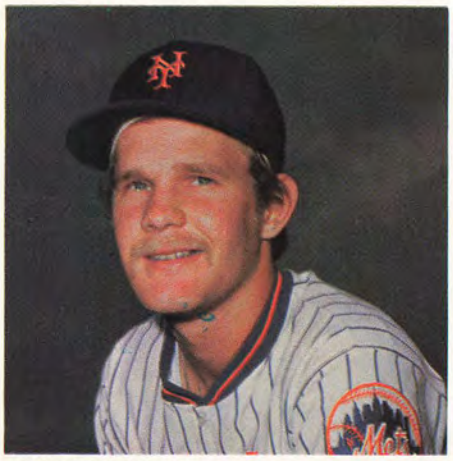

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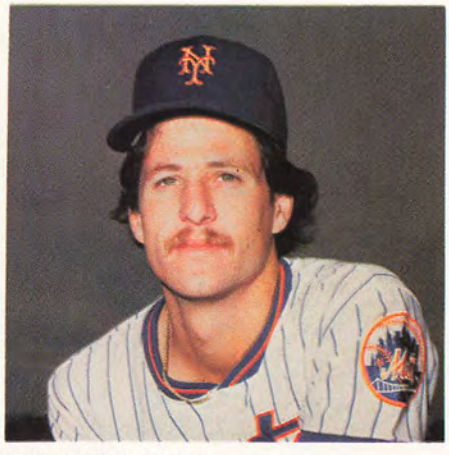
DAVE VON OHLEN, Pitcher



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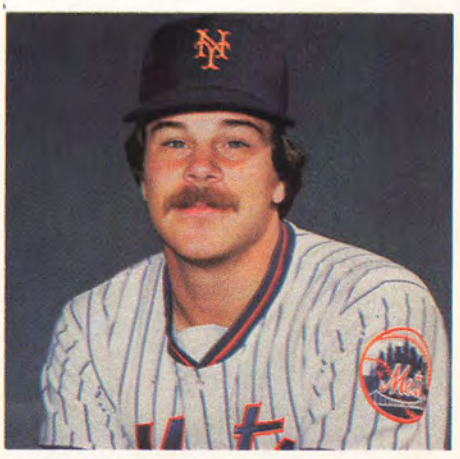

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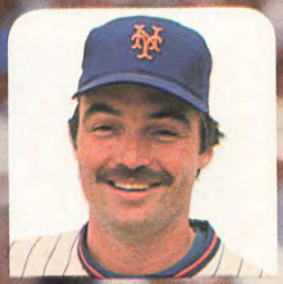

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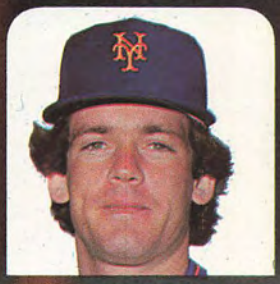

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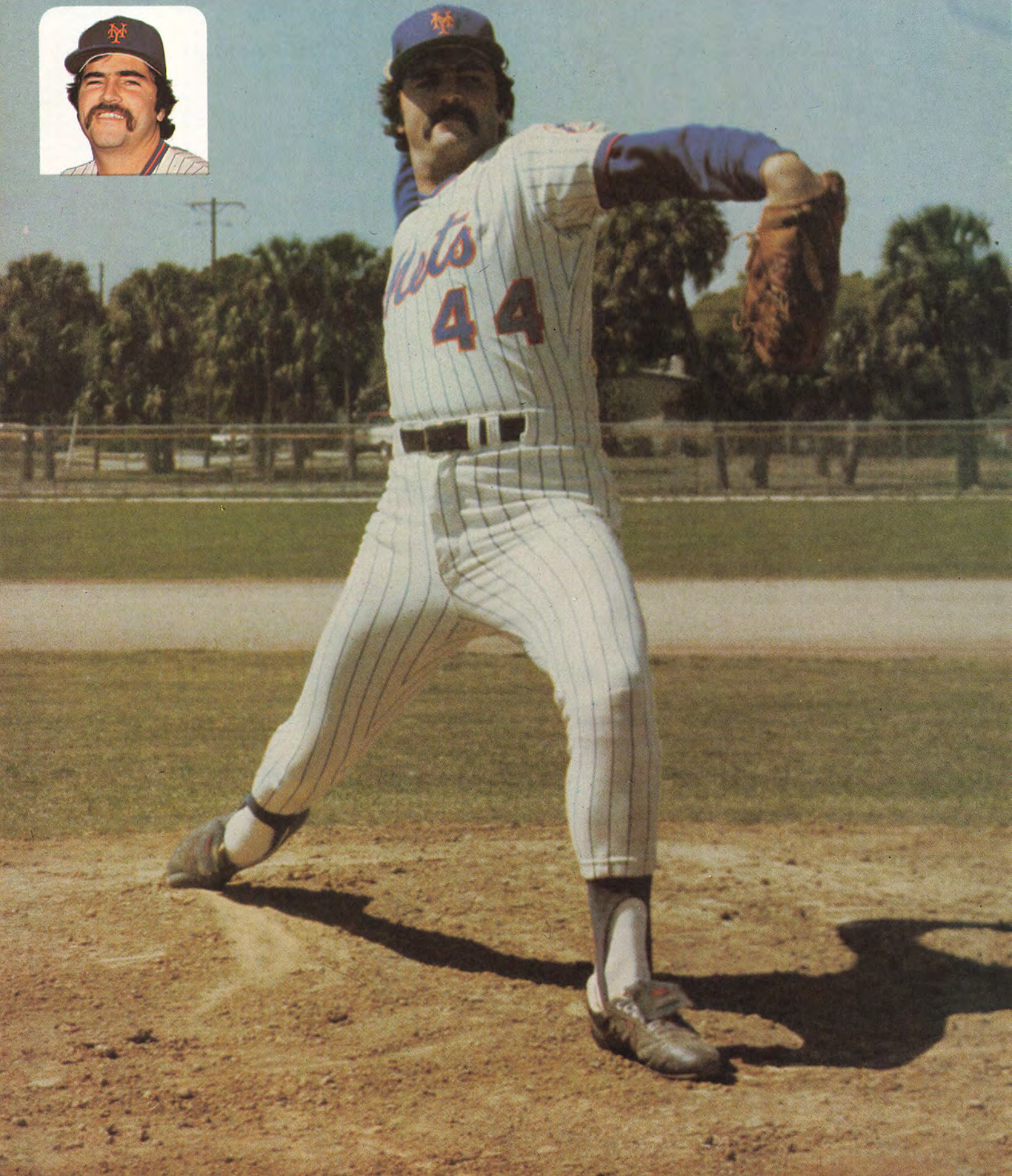

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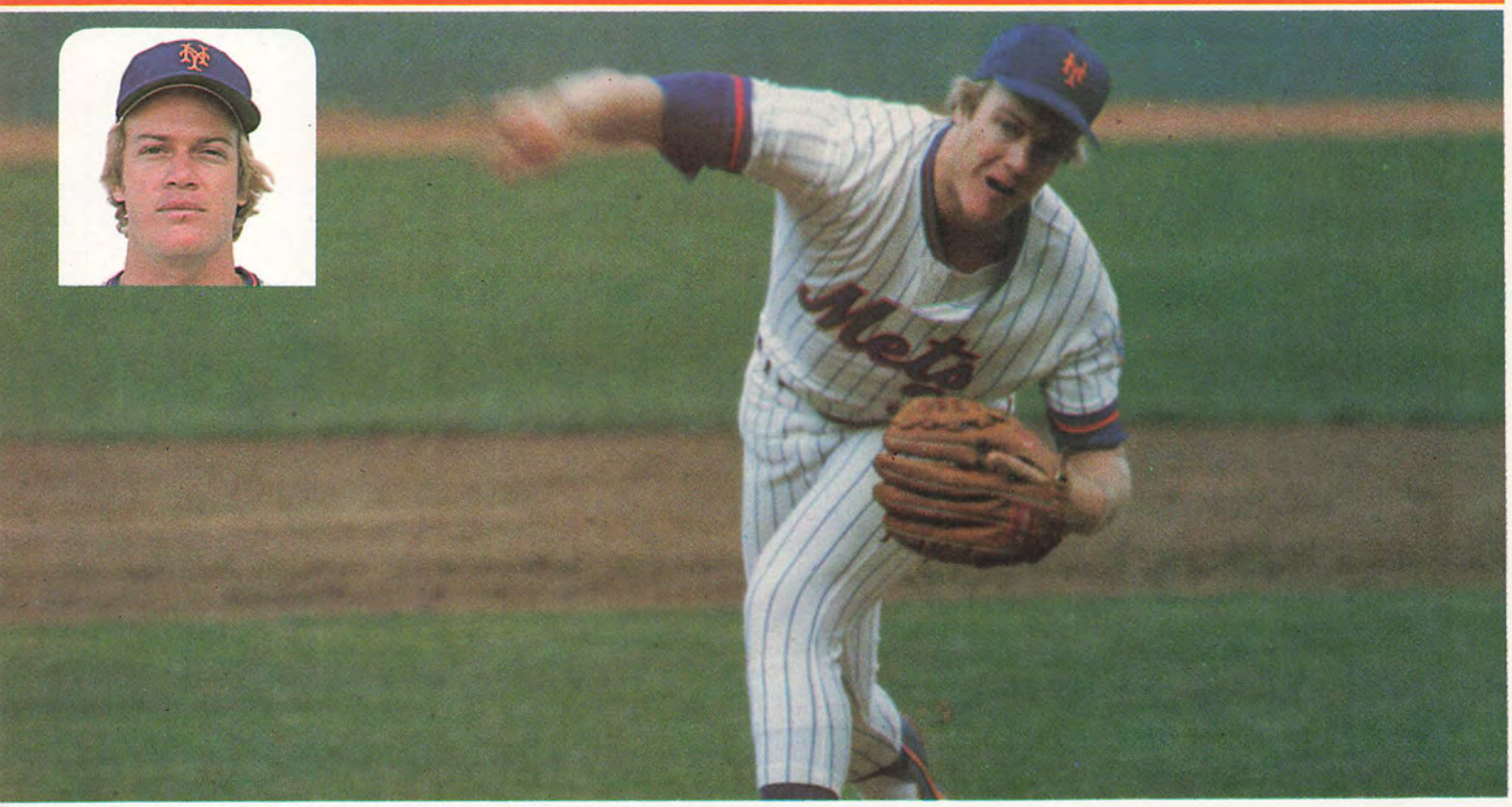

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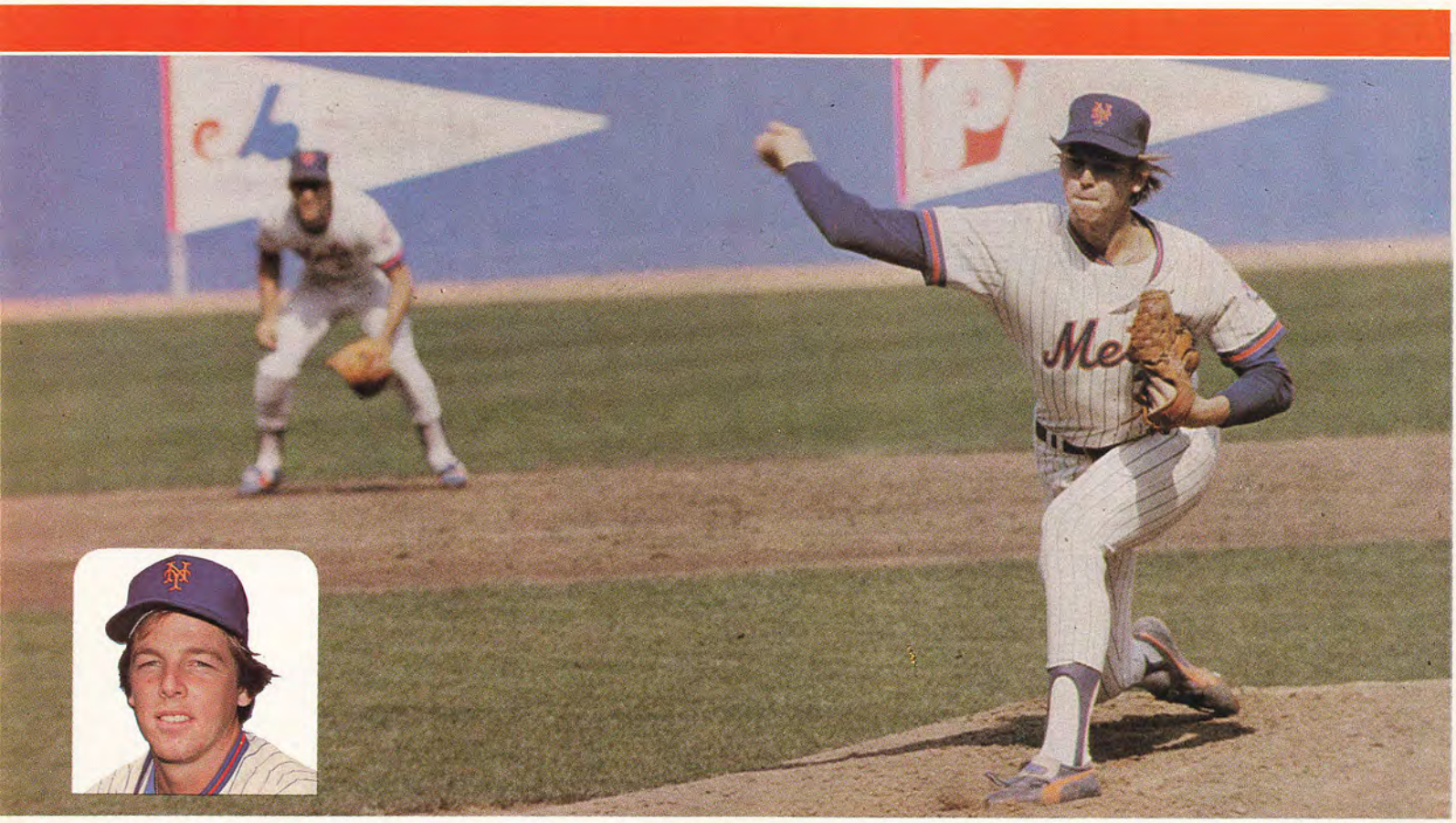

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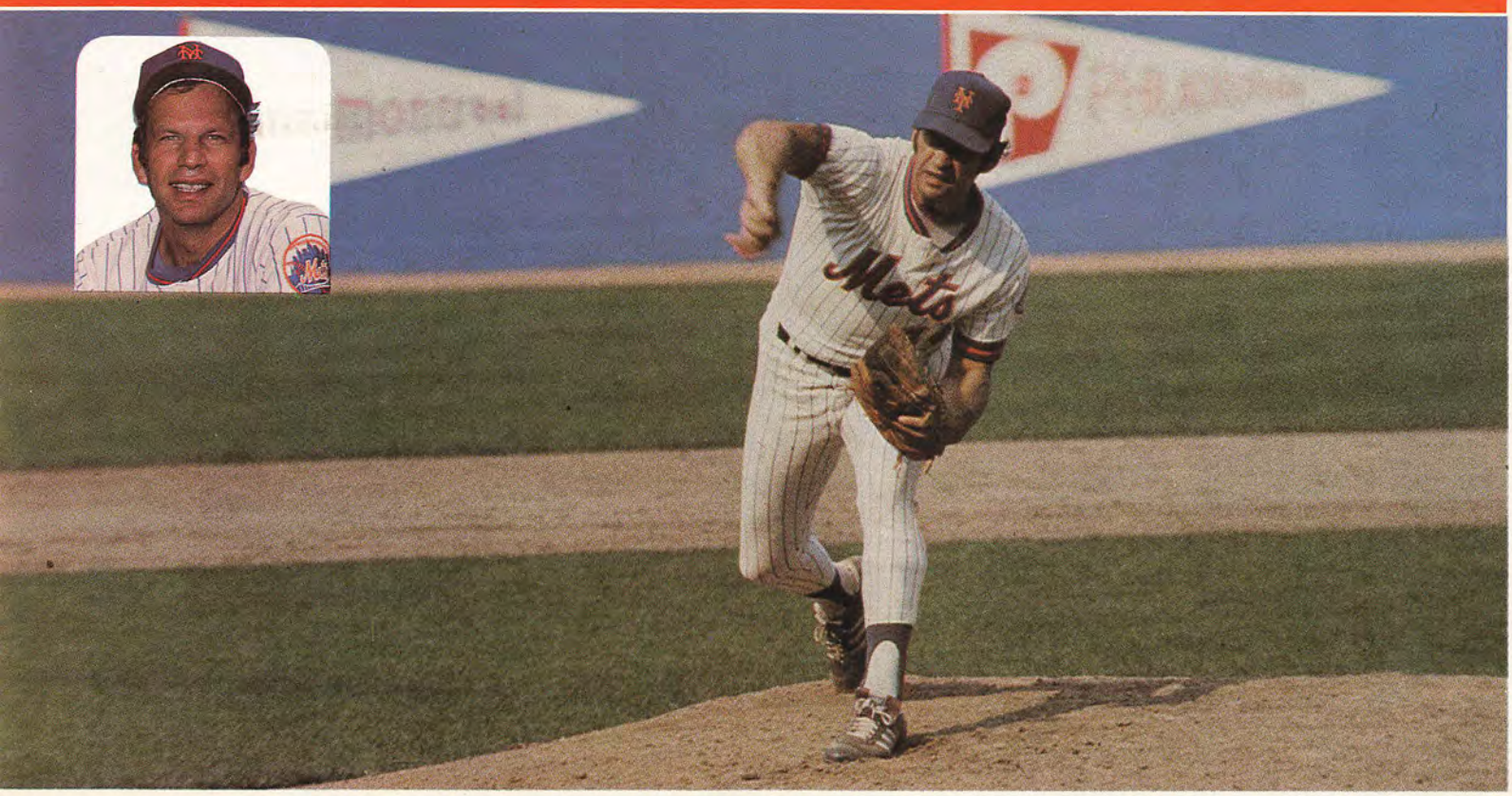

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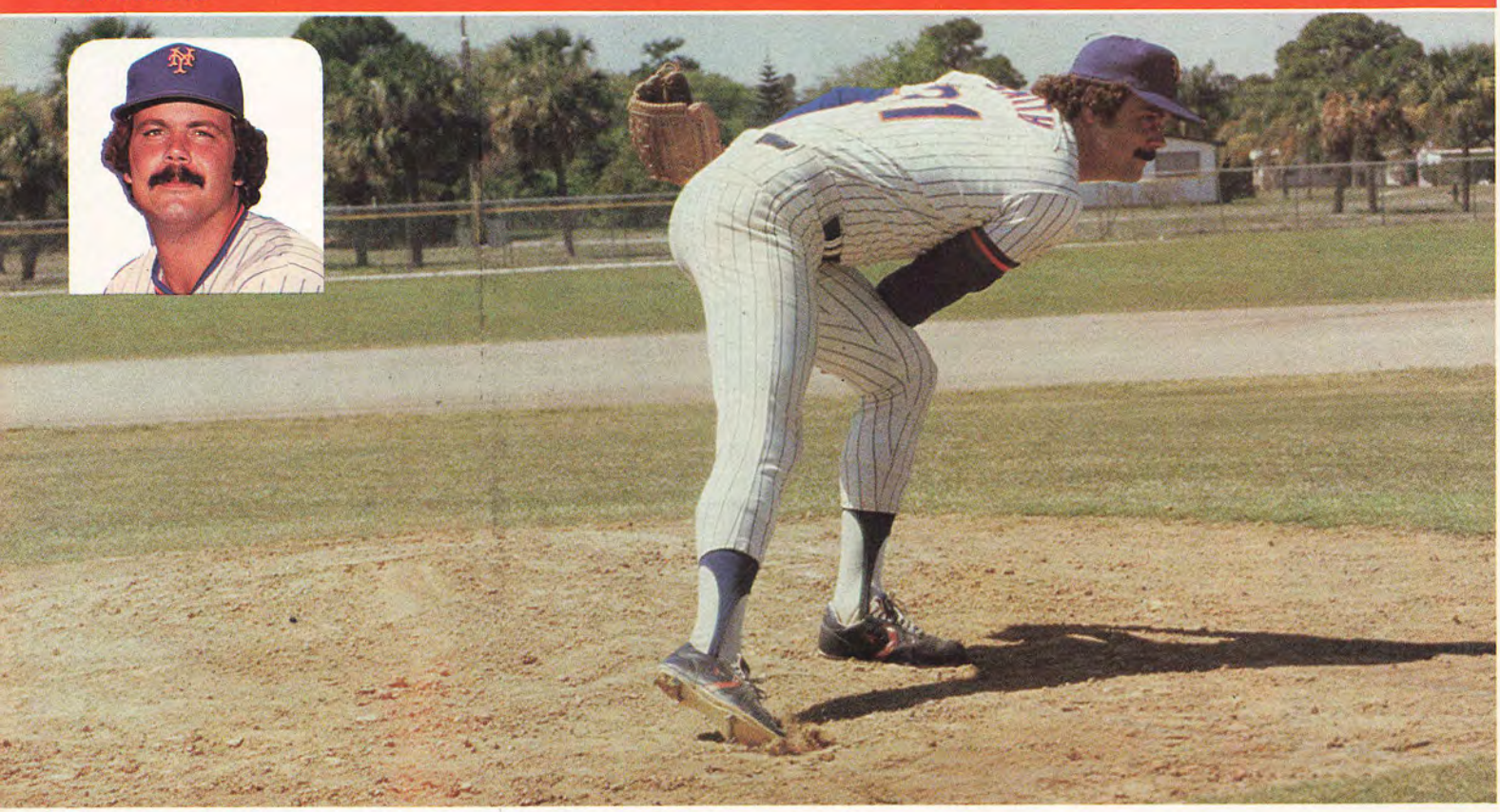

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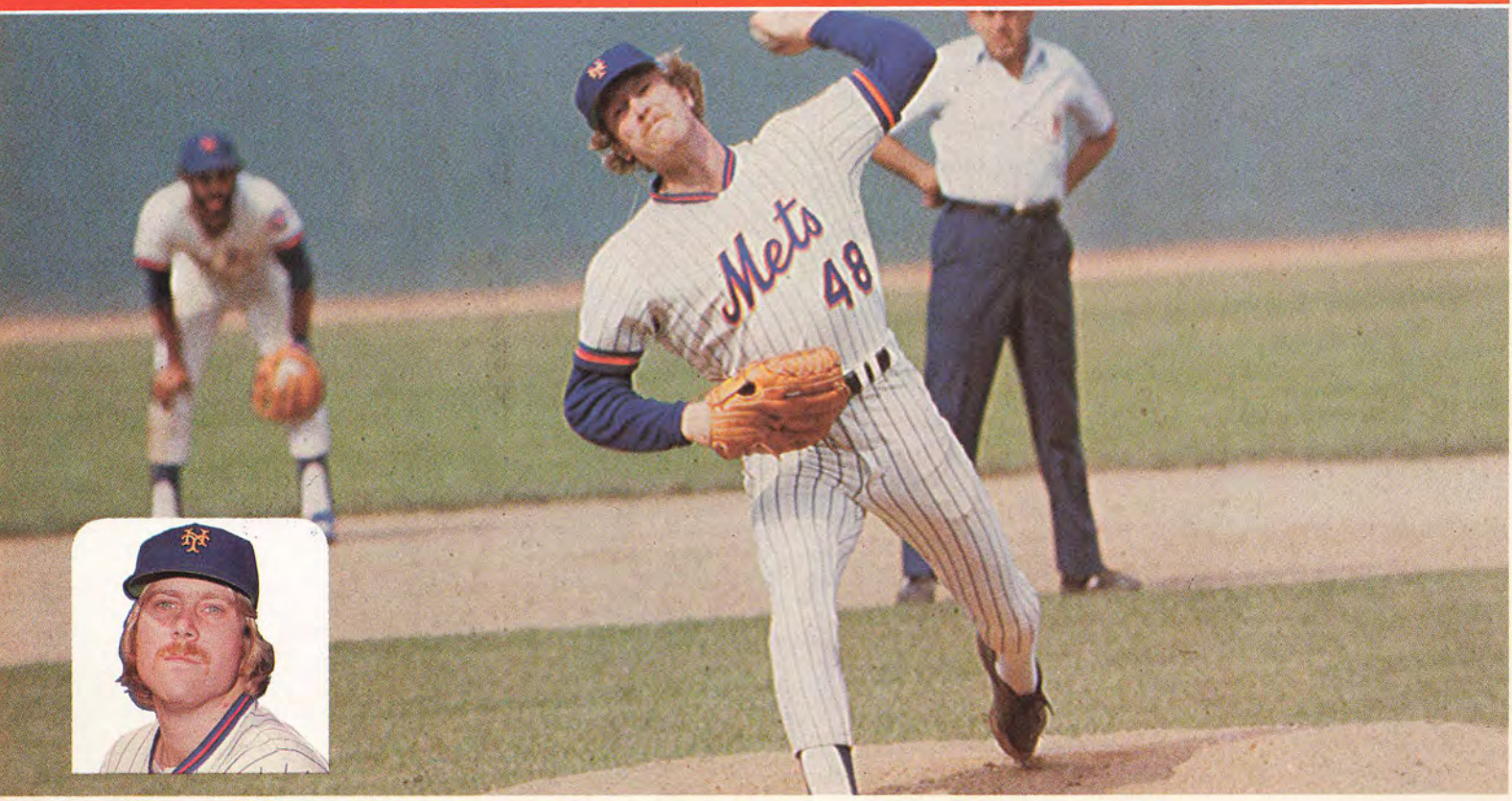

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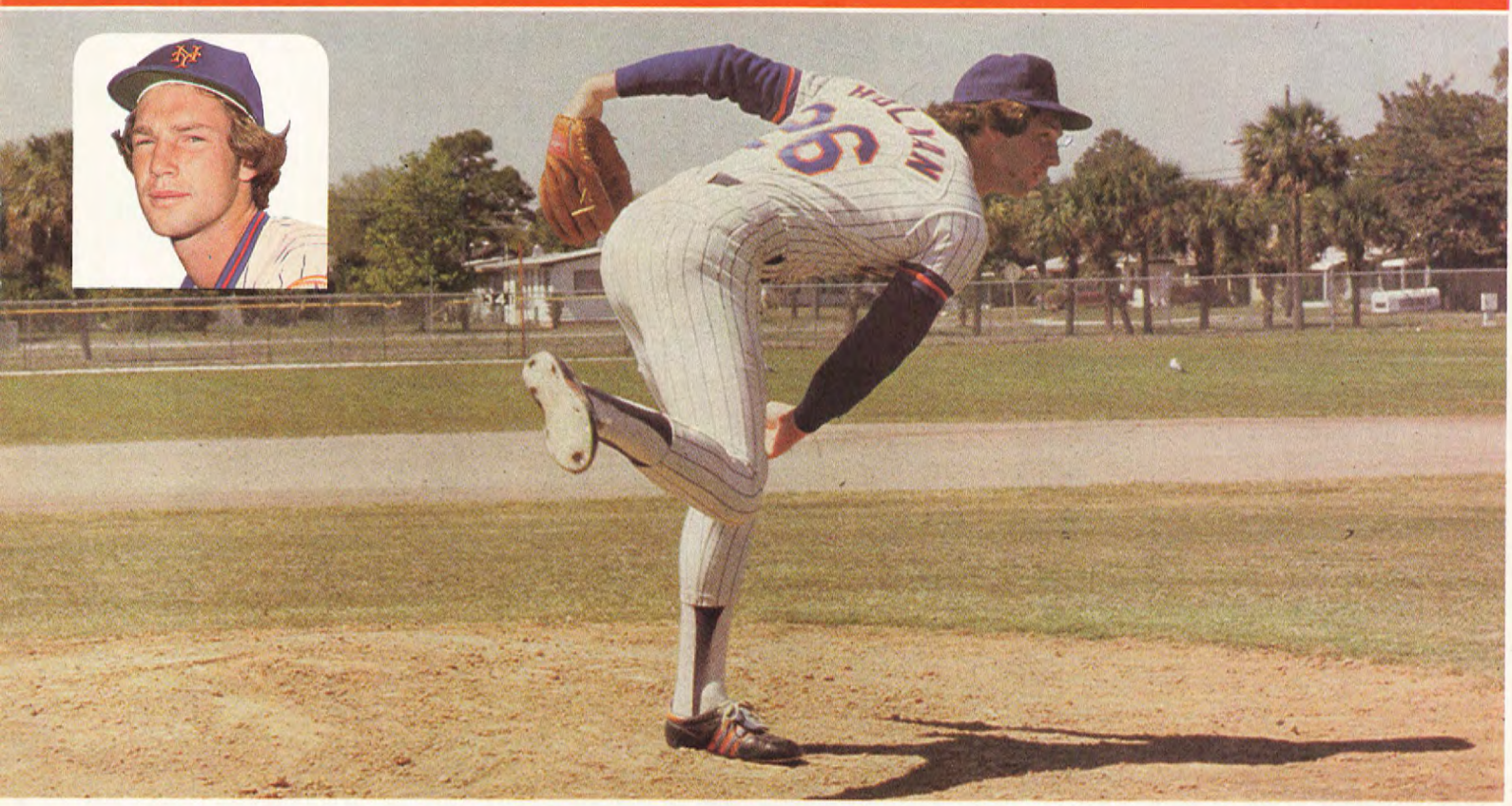

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Neil Allen's spectacular season last summer has enabled the 23-year-old relief star to become the first Met to ever be assigned uniform number "13".

Neil wore number "46" his first two years with the Mets. He wanted to become established before asking for his old high school number of "13".

Well, Mr. Allen certainly established a reputation in 1980. He won seven games and saved 22 others to prove himself one of the top relief specialists in the majors. No wonder he isn't superstitious.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1979-Mets (NL)	6-10	3.55	50	5	0	0	8	99	100	46	39	47	65
1980-Mets (NL)	7-10	3.71	59	0	0	0	22	97	87	43	40	40	79
Major League Totals	13-20	3.63	109	5	0	0	30	196	187	89	79	87	144

6 Wally Backman

Whether it be with a bat or a rifle, Wally Backman is always on target.

An avid hunter, Backman bagged a 1,500 pound elk last winter in his home of Beaverton, Ore. He has been bagging hit after hit on the baseball field in his brief baseball career.

Wally has posted minor league averages of .325, .302, .282 and .293 and last September he batted a solid .323 in 27 games with the Mets. He was the Mets number one draft choice in 1977.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980-Mets (NL)	.323	27	93	12	30	1	1	0	9	11	14	2
Major League Totals	.323	27	93	12	30	1	1	0	9	11	14	2

4 Bob Bailor

Bob Bailor played seven, that's right seven, different positions for the Toronto Blue Jays last year. The Mets acquired the versatile infielder-outfielder for pitcher Roy Lee Jackson.

The only places Bailor didn't play last summer were catcher and first base. Bob performed in the outfield for 98 games and came up with 16 assists, the fourth highest total in the American League.

In 1977, Bailor was the Blue Jay's number one choice in the American League expansion draft. He originally was signed by the Baltimore Orioles.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1975-Baltimore (AL)	.143	5	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1976-Baltimore (AL)	.333	9	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1977-Toronto (AL)	.310	122	496	62	154	21	5	5	32	17	26	15
1978-Toronto (AL)	.264	154	621	74	164	29	7	1	52	38	21	5
1979-Toronto (AL)	.229	130	414	50	95	11	5	1	38	36	27	14
1980-Toronto (AL)	.236	117	347	44	82	14	2	1	16	36	34	12
Major League Totals	.263	537	1891	232	498	75	20	8	138	128	108	46

19 Butch Benton

If you look down the roster, Butch Benton is officially listed as a catcher. However, the 23-year-old Floridian gives the Mets valuable depth at first base and the outfield, too.

A former number one pick in the 1975 draft, Butch joined the Mets from Tidewater after the injury to Ron Hodges. The Mets won three of the five games he started behind the plate in 1980.

At Tidewater last summer, Butch was the only Tide player to hit two home runs in a game. In 1975, he was voted Florida's High School Athlete of the Year.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978-Mets (NL)	.500	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
1980-Mets (NL)	.048	12	21	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	0
Major League Totals	.120	16	25	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	4	0

43 Juan Berenguer

To see why the Mets are so high on Juan Berenguer, all you have to do is look at his strike out column. He once fanned 220 batters in 166 innings at Tacoma, and last year at Tidewater, he whiffed 178 batters in 157 innings to lead the International League.

A starter for most of his minor league career, Juan was tried in the bullpen by the Mets when he joined the team last September. His fastball has been clocked at 100 miles per hour.

His only major league victory came against the St. Louis Cardinals in 1979.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978-Mets (NL)	0-2	8.31	5	3	0	0	0	13	17	12	12	11	8
1979-Mets (NL)	1-1	2.90	5	5	0	0	0	31	28	13	10	12	25
1980-Mets (NL)	0-1	6.00	6	0	0	0	0	9	9	9	6	10	7
Major League Totals	1-4	4.75	16	8	0	0	0	53	54	34	28	33	40

36 Mark Bomback

The word quit just never was in Mark Bomback's vocabulary. Not even nine years in the minor leagues could rob him of the faith in his own abilities.

Mark's dedication paid full dividends in 1980 when he paced the Mets' staff in victories as a 27-year old rookie. He defeated the World Champions Phillies for his first two major league triumphs.

In 1979, Mark was named the Minor League Player of the Year as he posted a 22-7 record for Vancouver in the Pacific Coast League.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978-Milwaukee (AL)	0-0	16.20	2	1	0	0	0	2	5	3	3	1	1
1980-Mets (NL)	10-8	4.09	36	25	2	1	0	163	191	80	74	49	68
Major League Totals	10-8	4.20	38	26	2	1	0	165	196	83	77	50	69

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7 Hubie Brooks

For Hubie Brooks, last September was only the beginning. After his recall from Tidewater on September 2, Hubie hit a solid .309 in 24 games for the Mets and fielded his third base position superbly.

Brooks has done nothing but hit since the Mets made him their number one choice in the June, 1978, free agent draft. He batted .305 at Jackson in 1979 and .297 at Tidewater in 1980.

Hubie helped Arizona State win the College World Series title in 1977, and in 1978 he led the country with a lofty .432 mark. One of Brooks' college teammates was Bob Horner of the Atlanta Braves.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980-Mets (NL)	.309	24	81	8	25	2	1	1	10	5	9	1
Major League Totals	.309	24	81	8	25	2	1	1	10	5	9	1

3 Mike Cubbage

Mike Cubbage is another of those versatile performers who managers love to have on their team.

Mike, who was signed as a gree agent after four and a half years with Minnesota, can play third base, first and even second. He still holds the Twins' club record for fielding percentage for a third baseman.

Cubbage broke into the majors with Texas in 1974. His first big league hit was a grand slam homer against the California Angels' Bill Singer. Mike has four career grand slams.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1974-Texas (AL)	.000	9	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
1975-Texas (AL)	.224	58	143	12	32	6	0	4	21	18	14	0
1976-Tex-Minn (AL)	.257	118	374	42	96	19	5	3	49	49	44	1
1977-Minnesota (AL)	.264	129	417	60	110	16	5	9	55	37	49	1
1978-Minnesota (AL)	.282	125	394	40	111	12	7	7	57	40	44	3
1979-Minnesota (AL)	.276	94	243	26	67	10	1	2	23	39	26	1
1980-Minnesota (AL)	.246	103	285	29	70	9	0	8	42	23	37	0
Major League Totals	.260	636	1871	209	486	72	18	33	247	206	218	6

33 Pete Falcone

Pete Falcone gladly would have traded his record for a victory.

It was May 1 last spring at Shea Stadium and Pete was opposing the Philadelphia Phillies' Steve Carlton. Falcone began the game that evening by striking out the first six Phillies he faced to tie a modern major league mark held by four other pitchers. However, he lost the contest, 2-1, on a late home run.

Falcone paced the Mets' pitchers in 1980 with 109 strikeouts in 157 innings. Although primarily a starter, he can be utilized out of the bullpen.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1975-San Francisco (NL)	12-11	4.17	34	32	3	1	0	190	171	97	88	111	131
1976-St. Louis (NL)	12-16	3.23	32	32	9	2	0	212	173	87	76	93	138
1977-St. Louis (NL)	4-8	5.44	27	22	1	1	1	124	130	79	75	61	75
1978-St. Louis (NL)	2-7	5.76	19	14	0	0	0	75	94	52	48	48	28
1979-Mets (NL)	6-14	4.16	33	31	1	1	0	184	194	91	85	76	113
1980-Mets (NL)	7-10	4.53	37	23	1	0	1	157	163	89	79	58	109
Major League Totals	43-66	4.31	182	154	15	5	2	942	925	495	451	447	594

23 Doug Flynn

Doug Flynn accomplished two Mets' firsts last season. He became the only Met second baseman to ever win a Gold Glove and he also became the only Met second baseman with a Gold Glove to become a Country and Western singer.

Flynn, after finishing second in the Gold Glove voting in 1978 and 1979, captured the honors in 1980, as he only made six errors in 659 chances. He also led the league's second basemen with a .991 fielding percentage.

Flynn showed he was equally adept with his bat as he tied a modern league record with three triples in a game against Montreal. And last but not least, in January he debuted with his friend Greg Austin in a New York City nightclub in a most successful three-day engagement.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1975-Cincinnati (NL)	.268	89	127	17	34	7	0	1	20	11	13	3
1976-Cincinnati (NL)	.283	93	219	20	62	5	2	1	20	10	24	2
1977-Cin-Mets (NL)	.197	126	314	14	62	7	2	0	19	11	30	1
1978-Mets (NL)	.237	156	532	37	126	12	8	0	36	30	50	3
1979-Mets (NL)	.243	157	555	35	135	19	5	4	61	17	46	0
1980-Mets (NL)	.255	128	443	46	113	9	8	0	24	22	20	2
Major League Totals	.243	749	2190	169	532	59	25	6	180	111	183	11

48 Ed Glynn

Ed Glynn always has time to say hello to the vendors at Shea Stadium. As a youngster growing up in Flushing, Ed was one of them. He sold hot dogs.

Glynn has a kind word for his friends in the stands as he walks in from the Mets' bullpen. Last year, the vendors' favorite relief pitcher posted a 3-3 record and didn't permit a run in 26 of his 38 appearances.

Known as the "Flushing Flash" to his teammates, Ed was a former roommate of Mark Fidrych when he was with the Detroit Tigers.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1975-Detroit (AL)	0-2	4.30	3	1	0	0	0	15	11	8	7	8	8
1976-Detroit (AL)	1-3	6.08	5	4	1	0	0	24	22	18	16	20	17
1977-Detroit (AL)	2-1	5.27	8	3	0	0	0	27	36	17	16	12	13
1978-Detroit (AL)	0-0	3.07	10	0	0	0	0	15	11	5	5	4	9
1979-Mets (NL)	1-4	3.00	46	0	0	0	7	60	57	22	20	40	32
1980-Mets (NL)	3-3	4.15	38	0	0	0	1	52	49	26	24	23	32
Major League Totals	7-13	4.10	109	8	1	0	8	193	186	96	88	107	111

32 Tom Hausman

If Joe Torre handed out award to his pitching staff last year, Tom Hausman would have to be "Mr. Versatility".

In 1980, the 6-5 righthander did it all and was one of the main reasons why the Mets played .500 ball for so long. He started, and worked in short and long relief. Whenever a crisis arose Tom was there to put out the fire. From June 6-July 18, he posted a 4-1 record and only gave up three earned runs in 38 innings.

On November 23, 1977, he became the first free agent ever signed by the Mets. Even though he lives in Las Vegas, he never gambles.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1975-Milwaukee (AL)	3-6	4.10	29	9	1	0	0	112	110	57	51	47	46
1976-Milwaukee (AL)	0-0	6.00	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	3	1
1978-Mets (NL)	3-3	4.67	10	10	0	0	0	52	58	28	27	9	16
1979-Mets (NL)	2-6	2.73	19	10	1	0	2	79	65	25	24	19	33
1980-Mets (NL)	6-5	3.98	55	4	0	0	1	122	125	63	54	26	53
Major League Totals	14-20	3.86	116	33	2	0	3	368	361	175	158	104	149

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42 Ron Hodges

There was never any doubt in Ron Hodges' mind that he would be back playing this year. Days after he separated his right shoulder in a base-running collision against Montreal last July 4, he began making preparations for 1981.

After surgery was completed, he started a comprehensive rehabilitation program. Now he is physically fit again and ready for his ninth season of catching for the Mets.

Ron, the senior member on the team in service, is the only player left from the 1973 National League Championship team. In addition to providing experience behind the plate, he gives Joe Torre a solid lefthanded pinch-hitter for those key late-inning situations.

YEAR CLUB	AVE	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1973-Mets (NL)	260	45	127	5	33	2	0	1	18	11	19	0
1974-Mets (NL)	221	59	136	16	30	4	0	4	14	19	11	0
1975-Mets (NL)	206	9	34	3	7	1	0	2	4	1	6	0
1976-Mets (NL)	226	56	155	21	35	6	0	4	24	27	16	2
1977-Mets (NL)	265	66	117	6	31	4	0	1	5	9	17	0
1978-Mets (NL)	255	47	102	4	26	4	1	0	7	10	11	1
1979-Mets (NL)	163	59	86	4	14	4	0	0	5	19	16	0
1980-Mets (NL)	238	36	42	4	10	2	0	0	5	10	13	1
Major League totals	233	377	799	63	186	27	1	12	82	106	109	4

21 Scott Holman

Scott Holman spent last June and July with the Mets. He wore uniform number "26", and made all the road trips. However, it wasn't the happiest of times for the quiet Californian.

Scott injured his right shoulder early in the year at Tidewater, and was with the Mets so he could be under the care of Dr. James Parkes and pitching coach Rube Walker. Holman made his major league debut in September and looked impressive in four games.

Scott, who is only 22, still has a bright future ahead of him. In 1979, he led the International League with a 1.99 ERA.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980-Mets (NL)	0-0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	7	6	2	1	1	3
Major League Totals	0-0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	7	6	2	1	1	3

25 Randy Jones

When Randy Jones pitches, you had better make sure not to be late. The talented lefthander, who the Mets acquired from the Padres for John Pacella and Jose Moreno, is one of the fastest workers in the game of baseball.

In 1976, the year he won the Cy Young Award with a 22-14 record, he pitched 11 games under two hours. Randy once pitched a nine-inning game in 1977 in only 1:27.

Last May, the 31 year-old lefty hurled three straight shutouts against the Cubs, Pirates and Cubs again. A talented golfer, he hosts the Randy Jones Arthritis Tournament each November in California.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1973-San Diego (NL)	7-6	3.16	20	19	6	1	0	140	129	58	49	37	77
1974-San Diego (NL)	8-22	4.46	40	34	4	1	2	208	217	118	103	78	124
1975-San Diego (NL)	20-12	2.24	37	36	18	6	0	285	242	94	71	56	103
1976-San Diego (NL)	22-14	2.74	40	40	25	5	0	315	274	109	96	50	93
1977-San Diego (NL)	6-12	4.59	27	25	1	0	0	147	173	85	75	36	44
1978-San Diego (NL)	13-14	2.88	37	36	7	2	0	253	263	104	81	64	71
1979-San Diego (NL)	11-12	3.63	39	39	6	0	0	263	257	120	106	64	112
1980-San Diego (NL)	5-13	3.92	24	24	4	3	0	154	165	71	67	29	53
Major League Totals	92-105	3.30	264	243	71	18	2	1765	1723	759	648	414	677

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE, SITE	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1975-National, Milwaukee	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
1976-National, Philadelphia	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1
All-Star Totals	1-0	0.00	2	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	1	2

22 Mike Jorgensen

Mike Jorgensen loves night games. That gives him plenty of time to watch his soap operas on television all afternoon.

To make sure he doesn't miss any of his favorite programs, Mike videotapes his shows, too. Jorgensen's own real-life story also could become a plot for a good soap opera.

In 1979, he was severely beaned in a game while playing with the Texas Rangers against the Red Sox. In 1980, he rebounded to have a top-flight year with the Mets, helping out at first base, the outfield and providing a solid bat as a pinch-hitter.

YEAR CLUB	AVE	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1968-Mets (NL)	.143	8	14	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
1970-Mets (NL)	.195	76	87	15	17	3	1	3	4	10	23	2
1971-Mets (NL)	.220	45	118	16	26	1	1	5	11	11	24	1
1972-Montreal (NL)	.231	113	372	48	86	12	3	13	47	53	75	12
1973-Montreal (NL)	.230	138	413	49	95	16	2	9	47	64	49	16
1974-Montreal (NL)	.310	131	287	45	89	16	1	11	59	70	39	3
1975-Montreal (NL)	.261	144	445	58	116	18	0	18	67	79	75	3
1976-Montreal (NL)	.254	125	343	36	87	13	0	6	23	52	48	7
1977-Montreal (NL)	.200	19	20	3	4	1	0	0	0	3	4	0
1977-Oakland (AL)	.246	66	203	18	50	4	1	8	32	25	44	3
1978-Texas (AL)	.196	96	97	20	19	3	0	1	9	18	10	3
1979-Texas (AL)	.223	90	157	21	35	7	0	6	16	14	29	0
1980-Mets (NL)	.255	119	321	43	82	11	0	7	43	46	55	0
Major League Totals	.246	1098	2877	372	708	106	9	87	358	445	479	50

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26 Dave Kingman

Neil Allen broke into a huge grin last March when he learned of the trade which brought Dave Kingman back to New York.

The 6'6" slugger would now be a teammate and Neil and the rest of the Mets pitching staff couldn't be happier. In the last two years against the Mets all Kingman did was bat .390, hit 17 homers and knock in 39 runs.

Dave isn't partial though. He hits home runs against everybody. In 1978 he led the majors with 48 homers and has 279 during his career. Now, when he hits one out, the Mets pitching staff will be able to smile.

YEAR CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1971-San Francisco (NL)	.278	41	115	17	32	10	2	6	24	9	35	5
1972-San Francisco (NL)	.225	135	472	65	106	17	4	29	83	51	140	16
1973-San Francisco (NL)	.203	112	305	54	62	10	1	24	55	41	122	8
1974-San Francisco (NL)	.223	121	350	41	78	18	2	18	55	37	125	8
1975-Mets (NL)	.231	134	502	65	116	22	1	36	88	34	153	7
1976-Mets (NL)	.238	123	474	70	113	14	1	37	86	28	135	7
1977-Mets (NL)	.209	58	211	22	44	7	0	9	28	13	66	3
1977-San Diego (NL)	.238	56	168	16	40	9	0	11	39	12	48	2
1977-Cal-NY (AL)	.217	18	60	9	13	4	0	6	11	3	29	0
1978-Chicago (NL)	.266	119	395	65	105	17	4	28	79	39	111	3
1979-Chicago (NL)	.288	145	532	97	153	19	5	48	115	45	131	4
1980-Chicago (NL)	.278	81	255	31	71	8	0	18	57	21	44	2
Major League Totals	.243	1143	3839	552	933	155	20	270	720	333	1139	65

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976-National, Philadelphia	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1979-National, Seattle	(Selected; did not play)											
All-Star Game Totals	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

35 Ed Lynch

This is one instance where statistics do lie. Last September 24, Ed Lynch worked a game against the World Champion Phillies in Philadelphia and it only appears on his record as a no-decision.

However, to Joe Torre, Ed's performance that night meant much more. In seven innings, Lynch blanked the Phils on two hits and gave notice he was ready to pitch in the big leagues.

The former University of South Carolina baseball and basketball star compiled a 13-7 record at Tidewater in 1980 which tied him for second place in the International League in victories.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980-Mets (NL)	1-1	5.21	5	4	0	0	0	19	24	12	11	5	9
Major League Totals	1-1	5.21	5	4	0	0	0	19	24	12	11	5	9

16 Lee Mazzilli

There are many dimensions to Lee Mazzilli's talents, both on and away from the baseball field.

Sure, "Maz" can belt the long ball, but he also can run as witness his 41 stolen bases last year and his 122 lifetime thefts, a Mets' career record. His prowess as a switch-hitter can be documented by such feats as 1980's 18-game hitting streak, or his assault last July which saw him compile a .359 average and crack 11 homers. In addition to his ability with a bat, however, Lee also can throw with either hand.

Then there is "Maz" out of uniform. As a youngster, he was one of the country's top speed ice skaters with Olympic potential. Last winter he did fashion modeling and took acting lessons. Will the real Lee Mazzilli please stand up?

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976-Mets (NL)	.195	77	77	9	15	2	0	2	7	14	10	5
1977-Mets (NL)	.250	159	537	66	134	24	3	6	46	72	72	22
1978-Mets (NL)	.273	148	542	78	148	28	5	16	61	69	82	20
1979-Mets (NL)	.303	158	597	78	181	34	4	15	79	93	74	34
1980-Mets (NL)	.280	152	578	82	162	31	4	16	76	82	92	41
Major League Totals	.275	641	2331	313	640	119	16	55	269	320	340	122

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE, SITE	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979-National, Seattle	1.000	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0

49 Dyar Miller

"Perseverance" should be Dyar Miller's middle name. The good-natured reliever didn't make it to the majors until his 29th birthday. During his career, he has been released twice, sent to the minors three times and traded on three other occasions.

Last year, on the final day of spring training, he was cut loose by the Montreal Expos. A banking position could have been his back home in Greensburg, Indiana. However, Dyar wasn't ready to end his baseball career just yet.

He signed with the Mets' Tidewater farm team in April and was back in the majors in July. Joe Torre was happy to have him, too, because in 42 innings he fashioned a 1.93 ERA and proved to be another of the reliable arms out of the Mets' bullpen.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1975-Baltimore (AL)	6-3	2.74	30	0	0	0	8	46	32	14	14	16	33
1976-Baltimore (AL)	2-4	2.93	49	0	0	0	7	89	79	31	29	36	37
1977-Balt-Cal (AL)	6-6	3.52	53	0	0	0	5	115	106	49	45	40	58
1978-California (AL)	6-2	2.65	41	0	0	0	1	85	85	29	25	41	34
1979-Cal-Tor (AL)	1-0	5.47	24	1	0	0	0	51	71	32	31	18	23
1980-Mets (NL)	1-2	1.93	31	0	0	0	1	42	37	9	9	11	28
Major League Totals	22-17	3.22	228	1	0	0	22	428	410	164	153	162	213

44 Jeff Reardon

As he strolls in from the Mets' bullpen, Jeff Reardon usually has one thing in mind and that's "strikeout". More times than not, he is successful, too.

The fire-balling righthander struck out 101 batters in 110 1/3 innings in 1980, the fouth best strikeout ratio in the National League. His 61 appearances led the Mets' staff and was third highest total in the club's history.

Jeff also finished second on the team in victories and strikeouts in 1980. From July 12-August 26 last year, he compliled an 0.93 ERA and struck out 25 batters in 29 innings.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1979-Mets (NL)	1-2	1.71	18	0	0	0	2	21	12	7	4	9	10
1980-Mets (NL)	8-7	2.62	61	0	0	0	6	110	96	36	32	47	101
Major League Totals	9-9	2.43	79	0	0	0	8	131	108	43	36	56	111

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34 Dave Roberts

Time hasn't dulled Dave Roberts' enthusiasm for the game of baseball. He is now in his 13th major league campaign and the Mets are his eighth big league club. Still, every time Dave takes the mound he feels like a rookie.

Roberts, who was signed as a free agent after playing with Pittsburgh and Seattle in 1980, will be used by the Mets as both a reliever and a starter.

In his career, Dave has tossed 20 shutouts; one, one-hitter; two, two-hitters and two, three-hitters.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1969-San Diego (NL)	0-3	4.78	22	5	0	0	1	49	65	30	26	19	19
1970-San Diego (NL)	8-14	3.81	43	21	3	2	1	182	182	80	77	43	102
1971-San Diego (NL)	14-17	2.10	37	34	14	2	0	270	238	79	63	61	135
1972-Houston (NL)	12-7	4.50	35	28	7	3	2	192	227	100	96	57	111
1973-Houston (NL)	17-11	2.86	39	36	12	6	0	249	264	92	79	62	119
1974-Houston (NL)	10-12	3.40	35	30	8	2	1	204	216	83	77	65	72
1975-Houston (NL)	8-14	4.27	32	27	7	0	1	198	182	98	94	73	101
1976-Detroit (AL)	16-17	4.00	36	36	18	4	0	252	254	122	112	63	79
1977-Detroit (AL)	4-10	5.15	22	22	5	0	0	129	143	88	74	41	46
1977-Chicago (NL)	1-1	3.23	17	6	1	0	1	53	55	22	19	12	23
1978-Chicago (NL)	6-8	5.26	35	20	2	1	1	142	159	87	83	56	54
1979-SF-Pitt (NL)	5-4	2.89	47	4	0	0	4	81	89	33	26	30	38
1980-Pittsburgh (NL)	0-1	4.50	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1
1980-Seattle (AL)	2-3	4.39	37	4	0	0	3	80	86	46	39	27	47
Major League Totals	103-122	3.74	438	273	77	20	15	2083	2162	961	866	610	947

30 Mike Scott

The date was September 28, 1980. The place was Shea Stadium. The occasion was Mike Scott's 8-0, eight-hit, victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, his first major league shutout. It promises to be only the first of many.

The 6-3 righthander appears ready to win a spot in the Mets' starting rotation this year. A former second round draft choice in 1975, Scott posted a 13-7 record at Tidewater last summer and compiled a 2.96 ERA in 170 innings.

He now has two major league victories to his credit and the total should continue to mount this summer.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1979-Mets (NL)	1-3	5.37	18	9	0	1	0	52	57	35	31	20	21
1980-Mets (NL)	1-1	4.34	6	6	1	1	0	29	40	14	14	8	13
Major League Totals	2-4	5.00	24	15	1	1	0	81	97	49	45	28	34

31 Billy Smith

Billy Smith admits he isn't a household name just yet, but give him time. The Mets acquired the strapping righthander in last December's winter draft, and Mr. Smith didn't waste a moment proving he was a good choice.

During the winter, he compiled a 8-2 record for Bayamon in the Puerto Rican League. Bill has won 26 games his last two seasons in the minors and 1981 could be his year to make his reputation in the majors.

Smith was with Houston the final month of the 1980 campaign but he did not appear in a game. Things could be different this summer.

10 Rusty Staub

Physically, Rusty Staub may have been away these last five years. In reality though he never left Shea Stadium. His batting heroics are forever embedded in Mets' history.

During his initial tour of duty with New York from 1972-1975, Rusty became the first and only Met to knock in over 100 runs in a season and he hit .423 in the 1973 World Series against Oakland. In the fourth game of the Series, he was 4-4 and batted in five runs to spark a 6-1 victory.

Staub, who was signed as a free agent in December, now has 2,547 lifetime hits. All the Mets are glad to have Rusty back for another reason, too; now they can eat at his famous New York City restaurant which is of course named "Rusty's".

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1963-Houston (NL)	.224	150	513	43	115	17	4	6	45	59	58	0
1964-Houston (NL)	.216	89	292	26	63	10	2	8	35	21	31	1
1965-Houston (NL)	.256	131	410	43	105	20	1	14	63	52	57	3
1966-Houston (NL)	.280	153	554	60	155	28	3	13	81	58	61	2
1967-Houston (NL)	.333	149	546	71	182	44	1	10	74	60	47	0
1968-Houston (NL)	.291	161	591	54	172	37	1	6	72	73	57	2
1969-Montreal (NL)	.302	158	549	89	166	26	5	29	79	110	61	3
1970-Montreal (NL)	.274	160	569	98	156	23	7	30	94	112	93	12
1971-Montreal (NL)	.311	162	599	94	186	34	6	19	97	74	42	9
1972-New York (NL)	.293	66	239	32	70	11	0	9	38	31	13	0
1973-New York (NL)	.279	152	585	77	163	36	1	15	76	74	52	1
1974-New York (NL)	.258	151	561	65	145	22	2	19	78	77	39	2
1975-New York (NL)	.282	155	574	93	162	30	4	19	105	77	55	2
1976-Detroit (AL)	.299	161	589	73	176	28	3	15	96	83	49	3
1977-Detroit (AL)	.278	158	623	84	173	34	3	22	101	59	47	1
1978-Detroit (AL)	.273	162	642	75	175	30	1	24	121	76	35	3
1979-Detroit (AL)	.236	68	246	32	58	12	1	9	40	32	18	1
1979-Montreal (NL)	.267	38	86	9	23	3	0	3	14	14	10	0
1980-Texas (AL)	.300	109	340	42	102	23	2	9	55	39	18	1
Major League Totals	.280	2537	9108	1160	2547	468	47	279	1364	1181	843	46

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR CLUB, SITE	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1967-National, Anaheim	1.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1968-National, Houston	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1969-National, Washington	(Selected; did not play)											
1970-National, Cincinnati	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1971-National, Detroit	(Selected; did not play)											
1976-American, Philadelphia	1.000	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All-Star Game Totals	.600	4	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

12 John Stearns

The first thing John Stearns wants everyone to know is that his finger is fine. Last year, the 30-year-old catcher was on his way to his most productive big league campaign until disaster struck on July 26th at Shea.

In the first inning of a game against the Reds, Dave Concepcion fouled off a ball which fractured Stearns' right index finger and sent him to the sidelines for the remainder of the year. At the time of the mishap, John was hitting .285 and had been named to the All-Star team for the third time.

Baseball isn't the only sport at which Stearns excels. He played safety for four years at the University of Colorado and still holds the University record for career pass interceptions. He was drafted out of college by the Buffalo Bills.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1974-Philadelphia (NL)	.500	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1975-Mets (NL)	.189	59	169	25	32	5	1	3	10	17	15	4
1976-Mets (NL)	.262	32	103	13	27	6	0	2	10	16	11	1
1977-Mets (NL)	.251	139	431	52	108	25	1	12	55	77	76	9
1978-Mets (NL)	.264	143	477	65	126	24	1	15	73	70	57	25
1979-Mets (NL)	.243	155	538	58	131	29	2	9	66	52	57	15
1980-Mets (NL)	.285	91	319	42	91	25	1	0	45	33	24	7
Major League Totals	.253	620	2039	255	516	114	6	41	259	265	240	61

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE, SITE	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977-National, New York (A)	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1979-National, Seattle	(Selected; did not play)											
1980-National, Los Angeles	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All-Star Game Totals	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Player Statistics 1980

27 Craig Swan

Craig Swan never really had an off-season last year. In the fall, the 6-3 righthander began a vigorous workout program to help him recover from the arm problems which forced him to the disabled list twice in 1980.

Five days a week, "Swannie" would journey from his home in Greenwich, Connecticut, to exercise, run and throw under the direction of trainer, Larry Mayol. The former Arizona State All-American is confident he can recapture the form which saw him lead the National League in Earned Run Average in 1978 and win 14 games in 1979.

When he isn't on the mound, Craig can either be found on his new sailboat or growing assorted vegetables with Coach Joe Pignatano in the Mets bullpen garden.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1973-Mets (NL)	0-1	9.00	3	1	0	0	0	8	16	9	8	2	4
1974-Mets (NL)	1-3	4.50	7	5	0	0	0	30	28	19	15	21	10
1975-Mets (NL)	1-3	6.39	6	6	0	0	0	31	38	22	22	13	19
1976-Mets (NL)	6-9	3.55	23	22	2	1	0	132	129	64	52	44	89
1977-Mets (NL)	9-10	4.22	26	24	2	1	0	147	153	76	69	56	71
1978-Mets (NL)	9-6	2.43	29	28	5	1	0	207	164	62	56	58	125
1979-Mets (NL)	14-13	3.30	35	35	10	3	0	251	241	102	92	57	145
1980-Mets (NL)	5-9	3.59	21	21	4	1	0	128	117	59	51	30	79
Major League Totals	45-54	3.52	150	142	23	7	0	934	886	413	365	281	542

11 Frank Taveras

Frank Taveras is the kind of player who makes the opposition nervous. The Mets' 30-year-old shortstop always seems to be coming up with new ways to ignite rallies.

He reached base safely 45 times last year on infield hits, including 23 bunt singles. As soon as Frank is on first, he is a threat to steal as witness his 32 stolen bases last summer and 248 lifetime thefts.

When he gets hot with the bat, there is nobody hotter either. On five separate occasions in 1980, he came up with four hits in a game. In fact in one stretch in May, Frank was nine for 10. Taveras' .279 batting average last summer was his highest mark in his seven-year major league career.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1971-Pittsburgh (NL)	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1972-Pittsburgh (NL)	.000	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1974-Pittsburgh (NL)	.246	126	333	33	82	4	2	0	26	25	41	13
1975-Pittsburgh (NL)	.212	134	378	44	80	9	4	0	23	37	42	17
1976-Pittsburgh (NL)	.258	144	519	76	134	8	6	0	24	44	79	58
1977-Pittsburgh (NL)	.252	147	544	72	137	20	10	1	29	38	71	70
1978-Pittsburgh (NL)	.278	157	654	81	182	31	9	0	38	29	60	46
1979-Pit-Mets (NL)	.262	164	680	93	178	29	9	1	34	33	74	44
1980-Mets (NL)	.279	141	562	65	157	27	0	0	25	23	64	32
Major League Totals	.259	1018	3673	464	950	128	40	2	199	230	432	280

29 Alex Trevino

Alex Trevino grew to hate the question. It went like this, "Alex, because of your size, do you think you have the strength to catch everyday in the big leagues?"

Well, Alex ended those rumors in 1980 when he started 62 of 67 games behind the plate after John Stearns injured his finger. He threw out 45 runners and didn't have a passed ball all year and had 63 assists.

Alex also looks after any stray dogs or cats that might wander onto the locker room. After his playing career is over, he hopes to become a veterinarian.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978-Mets (NL)	.250	6	12	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
1979-Mets (NL)	.271	79	207	24	56	11	1	0	20	20	27	2
1980-Mets (NL)	.256	106	355	26	91	11	2	0	37	13	41	0
Major League Totals	.261	191	574	53	150	22	3	0	57	34	70	2

1 Mookie Wilson

Mookie Wilson hates to disappoint his fans, but he doesn't have any long or detailed explantation of how he came by his unique nickname. All he knows is that his grandmother gave it to him as a youngster.

The chant of "Moo-kie, Moo-kie, Moo-kie" was heard last September when the 25-year-old speed burner joined the Mets from Tidewater. It's certain to be heard again in 1981 in stadiums all across the country.

One of the most exciting players to ever wear a Mets uniform, Mookie has stolen 160 bases in four minor league seasons.

By the way, Mookie's real name is William Hayward.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980-Mets (NL)	.248	27	105	16	26	5	3	0	4	12	19	7
Major League Totals	.248	27	105	16	26	5	3	0	4	12	19	7

18 Joel Youngblood

If you examined the box scores last year, it seemed there were maybe two, three or even four players named Youngblood performing for the Mets.

Sometimes second base appeared after his name, while on other occasions, it was third base, centerfield and rightfield. No, Joel Youngblood doesn't have a lot of brothers, he just has the ability to handle practically ever position on the field.

In addition to his talents with the glove, Joel can also swing the bat, too. He had career highs in 1980 in batting average, RBI's and also was second in the National League in pinch-hitting.

YEAR CLUB	AVE.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976-Cincinnati (NL)	.193	55	57	8	11	1	1	0	1	2	8	1
1977-StL-Mets (NL)	.244	95	209	17	51	13	1	0	12	16	45	1
1978-Mets (NL)	.252	113	266	40	67	12	8	7	30	16	39	4
1979-Mets (NL)	.275	158	590	90	162	37	5	16	60	60	84	18
1980-Mets (NL)	.276	146	514	58	142	26	2	8	69	52	69	14
Major League Totals	.265	567	1636	212	433	89	17	31	172	146	245	38

40 Pat Zachry

Pat Zachry figures he is due for a change of luck in 1981.

The 6-5 righthander has spent parts of the last three years on the disabled list with assorted injuries. When he is healthy, the lanky Texan has proved himself one of the top pitchers in the National League. Witness his accomplishments last July when he posted a 4-0 record and tossed three shutouts to become the NL's Pitcher of the Month.

So for this summer, Pat hopes to be spending most of his time on the mound and not in the trainer's room. Nothing would make Joe Torre happier.

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1976-Cincinnati (NL)	14-7	2.74	38	28	6	1	0	204	170	70	62	83	143
1977-Cin-Mets (NL)	10-13	4.25	31	31	5	1	0	195	207	104	92	77	99
1978-Mets (NL)	10-6	3.33	21	21	5	2	0	138	120	57	51	60	78
1979-Mets (NL)	5-1	3.56	7	7	1	0	0	43	44	19	17	21	17
1980-Mets (NL)	6-10	3.00	28	26	7	3	0	165	145	65	55	58	88
Major League Totals	45-37	3.35	125	113	24	7	0	745	686	315	277	299	425

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE, SITE	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978-National, San Diego...	(Selected; did not play)												

Mets' Family Day

Woody Flynn (Doug's dog).

Joe Torre with his wife Dani, daughters Lauren (Left), Tina (Right), and son Michael.

Pregame Lineup at Family Day 1980.

Mike Jorgensen with his wife Brenda, his mother and daughter Kristen and son Brian.

Mark Bomback with wife Susan and children, Mark and Jamie.

Two-year old Mark Swan gets encouragement from Joe Torre as he runs to first base.

Four-year old Max Taveras connects.

Frank Taveras with his wife Sota and children, Frank Jr., Max and Shaske.

Craig Swan with wife Sandy, daughter Jamie and son Mark.

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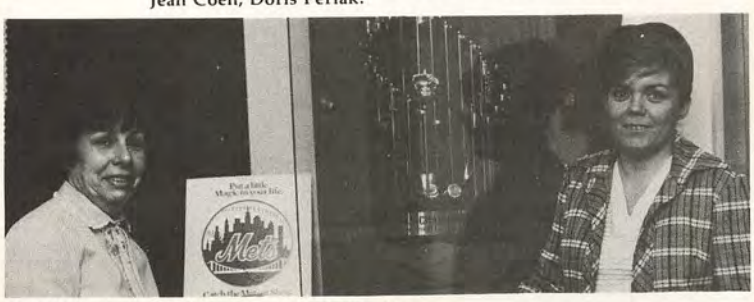

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